

# CHAOS AND ENTROPIC CHAOS IN KAC'S MODEL WITHOUT HIGH MOMENTS.

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**ABSTRACT.** In this paper we present a new local Lévy Central Limit Theorem, showing convergence to stable states that are not necessarily the Gaussian, and use it to find new and intuitive entropically chaotic families with underlying one-particle function that has moments of order  $2\alpha$ , with  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . We also discuss a lower semi continuity result for the relative entropy with respect to our specific family of functions, and use it to show a form of stability property for entropic chaos in our settings.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

One of the most important equation in the kinetic theory of gases, describing the evolution in time of the distribution function of a dilute gas, is the so-called Boltzmann equation. In its spatially homogeneous form it reads as

$$(1.1) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(v) &= Q(f, f)(v), \quad v \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad t > 0 \\ f|_{t=0} &= f_0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $d \geq 2$  and  $Q$  is the quadratic Boltzmann collision operator, given by

$$(1.2) \quad Q(f, g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} B(|v - v_*|, \cos(\theta)) (f' g'_* - f g_*) d\sigma dv_*.$$

We have used the notations  $f'(v) = f(v')$ ,  $f_*(v) = f(v_*)$  and  $f'_*(v) = f(v'_*)$  with

$$v' = \frac{v + v_*}{2} + \frac{|v - v_*|}{2} \sigma, \quad v'_* = \frac{v + v_*}{2} - \frac{|v - v_*|}{2} \sigma.$$

representing the pre-collision velocities of particles with post-collision velocities  $v, v_*$ . The above relationships are a direct result of conservation of momentum and energy for the associated problem. The function  $B$ , called the Boltzmann collision kernel, is determined by the physics of the problem (mainly via the collisional cross-section) and it is assumed that  $B$  is non-negative and depends only on the magnitude of the relative velocity,  $|v - v_*|$ , and the cosine of the deviation angle between  $v - v_*$  and  $v' - v'_*$ ,  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$ .

In his work on equation (1.1), Boltzmann investigated the concept of the entropy and gave an interpretation to it in the microscopic setting, as well as a formula

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to it in terms of the distribution function  $f$ :

$$(1.3) \quad H(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(v) \log f(v) dv.$$

One important contribution Boltzmann made was his famous  $H$ -Theorem: Under the evolution of (1.1) one has that

$$(1.4) \quad D(f) = -\frac{d}{dt} H(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Q(f, f)(v) \log f(v) dv \geq 0,$$

where  $D(f)$ , called *the entropy production*, is defined as the minus of the formal derivative of the entropy under the evolution of the Boltzmann equation. One can easily see that functions of the form

$$M_a(v) = \frac{e^{-\frac{|v|^2}{2a}}}{(2\pi a)^{\frac{d}{2}}},$$

where  $a > 0$ , satisfy  $Q(M_a, M_a) = 0$ , and as such present a stationary solution to (1.1) that is a critical point to the entropy functional. Such functions are usually called Maxwellians and represent the equilibrium states of the Boltzmann equation. One would hope that under suitable conditions we will gain convergence to equilibrium in our equation. This problem has been investigated by many authors, starting with Carleman and continuing to this day.

There are two fundamental questions in Kinetic Theory that pertain to the spatially homogeneous Boltzmann equation:

1. One of the main problems with the Boltzmann process is its *irreversibility*. The reason behind this is Boltzmann's 'Stosszahlansatz' assumption that pre collisional particles can be considered to be independent. However, a closed system like that of dilute gas should obey Poincaré's recurrence principle and eventually come back to its original state. How can the equation be valid in that case? The answer to this, given by Boltzmann himself, is in the time scale. The Boltzmann equation, and trend to equilibrium, can only be valid in a time scale that is much smaller than the time it'll take the system to return to its original state. As such, the question of finding a *quantitative* rate of convergence to equilibrium to the Boltzmann equation is of paramount importance.
2. While used in practice there is no full proof that is valid for times in the macroscopic scale, of how one can get the Boltzmann equation from reversible Newtonian laws. This, too, is a very important problem in Kinetic Theory. The best result attained so far is one by Lanford, [16], in 1975. One possible intuition of how one can get an irreversible process from reversible laws lies with adding probability into the mixture. Either via randomness in the spatial variable, or via a many-particle model from which the Boltzmann equation arise as a mean field limit. While we will mainly focus on the latter option, we'd like to mention that there are other possibilities for the rise of such processes, such as loss of regularity and coarse graining at the microscopic level.

In his 1956 paper, [15], Kac attempted to give a partial solution to these two problems. Kac introduced a many-particle model, consisting of  $N$  indistinguishable particles with one dimensional velocities, undergoing binary collision and constrained to the energy sphere  $\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})$ , which we will call 'the Kac's sphere' from this point onward. Kac's evolution equation is given by

$$(1.5) \quad \frac{\partial F_N}{\partial t}(v_1, \dots, v_N) = -N(I - Q)F_N(v_1, \dots, v_N),$$

where  $F_N$  represents the distribution function of the  $N$  particles, and the gain term  $Q$  is given by

$$(1.6) \quad QF(t, v_1, \dots, v_N) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{2}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i < j} \int_0^{2\pi} F(t, v_1, \dots, v_i(\theta), \dots, v_j(\theta), \dots, v_N) d\theta,$$

with

$$(1.7) \quad v_i(\theta) = v_i \cos(\theta) + v_j \sin(\theta), \quad v_j(\theta) = -v_i \sin(\theta) + v_j \cos(\theta).$$

Motivated by Boltzmann's pre-collisional assumption, Kac defined the concept of *Chaoticity* (what he called 'the Boltzmann property' in his paper) as follows:

**Definition 1.1.** A symmetric family of distribution functions  $\{F_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  on Kac's sphere is called *chaotic* if there exists a distribution function on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $f$ , such that for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(1.8) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Pi_k(F_N)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = f^{\otimes k}(v_1, \dots, v_k),$$

where  $\Pi_k(F_N)$  is the  $k$ -marginal of  $F_N$ , and the limit is taken in the weak topology induced by bounded continuous functions.

Using a beautiful combinatorial argument, Kac showed that the property of chaoticity propagates with his evolution equation, i.e. if  $\{F_N(0, v_1, \dots, v_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $f_0$ -chaotic then the solution to equation (1.5),  $\{F_N(t, v_1, \dots, v_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $f_t$ -chaotic, where  $f_t$  solves a caricature of the Boltzmann equation:

$$(1.9) \quad \frac{\partial f}{\partial t}(v) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_0^{2\pi} (f(v(\theta))f(v_*(\theta)) - f(v)f(v_*)) dv_* d\theta,$$

with  $v(\theta), v_*(\theta)$  given by (1.7). While we only got a distorted form of the Boltzmann equation, with collision kernel  $B \equiv 1$ , the ideas presented in Kac's paper were powerful enough that McKean managed to extend them to the  $d$ -dimensional case (see [19]). Under similar condition to those presented by Kac, McKean construct a similar  $N$ -particle model from which the *real* spatially homogeneous Boltzmann equation arose as mean field limit for certain collision kernels (mainly those who are independent of the relative velocity). We will not discuss this model in this work, and refer the interested reader to [5, 9, 19] for more information.

Giving a partial answer to the validation of the Boltzmann equation, Kac set out to try and find a partial solution to the rate of convergence as well. He noticed

that his evolution equation is ergodic, with an equilibrium state represented by the constant function 1. As such, for any fixed  $N$ , one can easily see that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} F_N(t, v_1, \dots, v_N) = 1.$$

The rate of convergence to equilibrium is determined by the spectral gap

$$\Delta_N = \inf \left\{ \frac{\langle \varphi, N(I - Q)\varphi \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}))}}{\|\varphi\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}))}^2} \mid \varphi \text{ is symmetric, } \varphi \in L^2(\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})), \varphi \perp 1 \right\}.$$

Kac's conjectured that

$$\Delta = \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Delta_N > 0,$$

which would lead to

$$(1.10) \quad \|F_N(t, \cdot) - 1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}))} \leq e^{-\Delta t} \|F_N(0, \cdot) - 1\|_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}))}.$$

The spectral gap problem remained open until 2000, when a series of papers by authors such as Janversse, Maslen, Carlen, Carvahlo, Loss and Geronimo gave a satisfactory positive answer to the conjecture, even in McKean's model (see [14, 18, 2, 5] for more details). However, the  $L^2$  norm is catastrophic when dealing with chaotic families. In that case, attempts to pass to the limit in the number of particles is futile.

Taking lead from the real Boltzmann equation, one can define the entropy on Kac's sphere as

$$(1.11) \quad H_N(F_N) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} F_N \log F_N d\sigma^N,$$

where  $d\sigma^N$  is the uniform probability measure on Kac's sphere. The reason behind this choice is the *extensivity* property of the entropy: In a very intuitive way, we'd like to think that 'nice'  $f$ -chaotic families behave like  $F_N \approx f^{\otimes N}$ , as such

$$(1.12) \quad H_N(F_N) \approx N \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(v) \log \left( \frac{f(v)}{\gamma(v)} \right) dv,$$

where  $\gamma$  is the standard Gaussian on  $\mathbb{R}$ . This intuition was defined formally in [4], where the authors investigated the entropy functional on the Kac's sphere:

**Definition 1.2.** An  $f$ -chaotic family of distribution functions on the sphere is called *entropically chaotic* if

$$(1.13) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(F_N)}{N} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(v) \log \left( \frac{f(v)}{\gamma(v)} \right) dv = H(f|\gamma).$$

The concept of entropic chaoticity is much stronger than that of chaoticity as it involves the correlation between arbitrary number of particles. We will verify this intuition later on in this paper.

Defining the *entropy production* to be the minus of the formal derivation of the entropy under Kac's evolution equation

$$(1.14) \quad D_N(F_N) = -\frac{d}{dt} H_N(F_N) = \langle \log F_N, N(I - Q)F_N \rangle_{L^2(\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}))},$$

one can define the appropriate 'spectral gap' by

$$\Gamma_N = \inf_{F_N} \frac{D_N(F_N)}{H_N(F_N)}$$

and ask if there is a positive constant,  $C > 0$ , such that

$$\Gamma_N \geq C$$

for all  $N$ . This problem is the so-called many-body Cercignani's conjecture, named after a similar conjecture posed for the real Boltzmann equation in [7]. If there exists such a  $C$ , we have that

$$H_N(F_N(t)) \leq e^{-Ct} H_N(F_N(0)).$$

Combining this with equation (1.13) and taking the limit as  $N$  goes to infinity, one can hope to get that

$$(1.15) \quad H(f_t|\gamma) \leq e^{-Ct} H(f_0|\gamma).$$

This, along with a known inequality on  $H(f|\gamma)$  gives an exponential rate of decay towards the equilibrium.

Unfortunately, in general, Cercignani's many body conjecture is false. We will discuss this shortly, as it motivates part of the presented work. We refer the reader to [4, 8, 9] for more information about this.

At this point, the reader might ask whether or not chaotic states exist, and whether the intuition  $F_N \approx f^{\otimes N}$  is reasonable. The answer to both questions is Yes. We start by constructing a chaotic family following this exact intuition:

Given a distribution function  $f$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define

$$(1.16) \quad F_N(v_1, \dots, v_N) = \frac{f^{\otimes N}(v_1, \dots, v_N)}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})},$$

where *the normalisation function*,  $\mathcal{Z}_N(f, r)$  is defined by

$$(1.17) \quad \mathcal{Z}_N(f, r) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(r)} f^{\otimes N} d\sigma_r^N,$$

with  $d\sigma_r^N$  the uniform probability measure on  $\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(r)$ . Kac himself discussed such functions, and have shown that they are chaotic when  $f$  has very strong integrability conditions. In a recent paper by Carlen, Carvahlo, Le Roux, Loss and Villani, [4], the authors have managed to extend Kac's result to the following:

**Theorem 1.3.** *Let  $f$  be a probability density on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p > 1$ ,  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 f(x) dx = 1$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^4 f(x) dx < \infty$ . Then the family of densities defined in (1.16) is  $f$ -chaotic. Moreover, it is  $f$ -entropically chaotic.*

The main tool to prove Theorem 1.3 is a local central limit theorem, giving an approximation for the normalisation function,  $\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{r})$ :

**Theorem 1.4.** *Let  $f$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1.3, then*

$$(1.18) \quad \mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{u}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{N}\Sigma |\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| u^{\frac{N-2}{2}}} \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{(u-N)^2}{2N\Sigma^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \lambda_N(u) \right),$$

where  $\Sigma^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^4 f(v) dv - 1$  and  $\sup_u |\lambda_N(u)| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

We'd like to mention at this point that the above theorems were extended to McKean's model by the first author in [6].

In [8] (and later on in [9] for McKean's model) the second author extended the above local central limit theorem to the case where the underlying generating function,  $f$ , also varies with  $N$ :

**Theorem 1.5.** *Let  $0 < \eta < 1$  and  $\delta_N = \frac{1}{N^\eta}$ . Define*

$$f_N(v) = \delta_N M_{\frac{1}{2\delta_N}}(v) + (1 - \delta_N) M_{\frac{1}{2(1-\delta_N)}}(v),$$

where  $M_a(v) = \frac{e^{-\frac{v^2}{2a}}}{\sqrt{2\pi a}}$ . Then

$$(1.19) \quad \mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{u}) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{N} \Sigma_N |\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| u^{\frac{N-2}{2}}} \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{(u-N)^2}{2N\Sigma_N^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} + \lambda_N(u) \right),$$

where  $\Sigma^2 = \frac{3}{4\delta_N(1-\delta_N)} - 1$  and  $\sup_u |\lambda_N(u)| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$ . Moreover, using the same notation as (1.16) with  $f$  replaced by  $f_N$ , one finds that there exists  $C_{\eta'} > 0$ , depending only on  $\eta'$  such that

$$(1.20) \quad \Gamma_N \leq \frac{D_N(F_N)}{H_N(F_N)} < \frac{C_{\eta'}}{N^{\eta'}}$$

for  $0 < \eta' < \eta$ .

The above theorem shows exactly how high order moments play an important role in the evaluation of the minimal entropy-entropy production ratio,  $\Gamma_N$ . The family constructed in Theorem 1.5 has two peculiar properties:

(i)

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} v^4 f_N(v) dv = \frac{3}{4\delta_N(1-\delta_N)} \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \infty.$$

(ii) One can check that  $F_N$  is  $M_{\frac{1}{2}}$ -chaotic yet  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(F_N)}{N}$  exists but doesn't equal  $H(M_{\frac{1}{2}}|\gamma)!$

Will the many-body Cercignani's conjecture be true if we restrict ourselves to families that violates (i) and (ii)? is there a connection between (i) and (ii)?

Motivated by the above questions, we set out to investigate the effects of the fourth moment on chaoticity and entropic chaoticity. We consider families of distribution functions on Kac's sphere,  $\{F_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ , of the form (1.16) where the underlying generating function  $f$  is independent of  $N$ , but has moment of order  $2\alpha$ , with  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . Surprisingly enough, a lot can be said about this case, much like the case where  $f$  has a fourth moment.

Before we state our main results, we will extend the definition of chaoticity and entropic chaos to general symmetric measures on Kac's sphere, as well as define the relative entropy and the relative Fisher information functional.

**Definition 1.6.** Given two probability measures,  $\mu, \nu$ , on a Polish space  $X$ , we define the relative entropy  $H(\mu|\nu)$  as

$$(1.21) \quad H(\mu|\nu) = \int_X h \log h d\nu,$$

where  $h = \frac{d\mu}{d\nu}$ , and  $H(\mu|\nu) = \infty$  if  $\mu$  is not absolutely continuous with respect to  $\nu$ .

Notice that in our notations

$$H_N(F_N) = H(F_N d\sigma^N | d\sigma^N),$$

with an underlying space  $X = \mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})$ .

**Definition 1.7.** A probability measure on a space  $X$  that is invariant under the action of the symmetric group  $\mathcal{S}_N$  is called symmetric if

$$(1.22) \quad \int_X f d\mu = \int_X f \circ \tau d\mu,$$

for any  $\tau \in \mathcal{S}_N$ , and  $f \in C_b(X)$ .

**Definition 1.8.** A family of symmetric probability measures on Kac's sphere,  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ , is called  $\mu$ -chaotic, where  $\mu$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , if for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(1.23) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Pi_k(\mu_N) = \mu^{\otimes k},$$

where  $\Pi_k(\mu_N)$  is the  $k$ -th marginal of  $\mu_N$  and the limit is in the weak topology.

It is a known result (see [22] for instance) that it is enough to check the marginals for  $k = 1, 2$  in order to conclude chaoticity.

**Definition 1.9.** A symmetric  $\mu$ -chaotic family of probability measures on Kac's sphere,  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ , is called entropically chaotic if

$$(1.24) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | d\sigma^N)}{N} = H(\mu|\gamma),$$

where  $d\sigma^N$  is the uniform probability measure on Kac's sphere and  $H(\mu|\gamma)$  is the relative entropy of  $\mu$  and  $\gamma(v)dv$ .

Lastly we define the relative Fisher information functional, which has intimate relation to the relative entropy. As it requires a lot more information on the space on which the measures act, we define it only on  $\mathbb{R}$ , and Kac's Sphere:

**Definition 1.10.** Given two probability measures,  $\mu, \nu$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , we define the relative Fisher information functional  $I(\mu|\nu)$  as

$$(1.25) \quad I(\mu|\nu) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|h'(x)|^2}{h(x)} d\nu(x) = 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{h(x)} \right|^2 d\nu(x),$$

where  $h = \frac{d\mu}{d\nu}$ , and  $I(\mu|\nu) = \infty$  if  $\mu$  is not absolutely continuous with respect to  $\nu$ . Given two probability measures,  $\mu_N, \nu_N$  on Kac's sphere, we define the relative Fisher information functional  $I_N(\mu_N|\nu_N)$  as

$$(1.26) \quad I_N(\mu_N|\nu_N) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \frac{|\nabla_S h|^2}{h} d\nu,$$

where  $h = \frac{d\mu_N}{d\nu_N}$ , and  $I_N(\mu_N|\nu_N) = \infty$  if  $\mu_N$  is not absolutely continuous with respect to  $\nu_N$ . Here  $\nabla_S$  denotes the components of the usual gradient on  $\mathbb{R}^N$  that is tangential to Kac's sphere.

The main results of our paper are as follows:

**Theorem 1.11.** *Let  $f$  be a probability density such that  $f \in L^p$  for some  $p > 1$  and  $\int x^2 f(x) dx = 1$ . Let*

$$(1.27) \quad \nu_f(x) = \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} y^4 f(y) dy$$

*and assume that  $\nu_f(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C_S x^{2-\alpha}$  for some  $C_S > 0$  and  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . Then the family*

$$F_N = \frac{f^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}$$

*is  $f$ -chaotic. Moreover, it is  $f$ -entropically chaotic.*

In particular, one has that

**Theorem 1.12.** *Let  $f$  be a probability density such that  $f \in L^p$  for some  $p > 1$  and  $\int x^2 f(x) dx = 1$ . Assume in addition that*

$$(1.28) \quad f(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{D}{|x|^{1+2\alpha}},$$

*for some  $1 < \alpha < 2$  and  $D > 0$ . Then the family*

$$F_N = \frac{f^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}$$

*is  $f$ -chaotic. Moreover, it is  $f$ -entropically chaotic.*

In addition to the above, the probability measure  $\nu_N = F_N d\sigma^N$  plays an important role on Kac's sphere. This is expressed in the following distorted lower semi continuity property:

**Theorem 1.13.** *Let  $f$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1.11 and let  $\mu_N$  be a symmetric probability measure on Kac's sphere such that for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$*

$$(1.29) \quad \Pi_k(\mu_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu_k,$$

*where  $\mu_k$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}^k$ . Then, if we denote by  $F_N = \frac{f^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}$  and  $\nu_N = F_N d\sigma^N$  we have that*



(i)  $\Pi_1(\mu_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \Pi_1(\mu_k) = \mu$  and

$$(1.30) \quad H(\mu|f) \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N|v_N)}{N},$$

where  $H(\mu|f)$  is the relative entropy between  $\mu$  and the measure  $f(v)dv$ .

(ii) For any  $\delta > 0$  we have that

$$(1.31) \quad \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(\mu_N|v_N)}{N} \geq \frac{H(\mu_k|f^{\otimes k})}{k} - \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v) + \delta) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v) \\ + \int \log(f(v)) d\mu(v) - \frac{1 - \int |v|^2 d\mu(v)}{2}.$$

Theorem 1.13 is the key to proving the following stability property of entropic chaoticity:

**Theorem 1.14.** *Let  $f$  satisfy the conditions of Theorem 1.11 and assume in addition that  $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Then, if*

$$(1.32) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(\mu_N|v_N)}{N} = 0,$$

where  $v_N$  was defined in Theorem 1.13,  $\mu_N$  is  $f$ -chaotic. Moreover,  $\mu_N$  is  $f$ -entropically chaotic.

A different approach to the stability problem involves the relative Fisher information functional on Kac's sphere,  $I_N$ :

**Theorem 1.15.** *Let  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family of symmetric probability measures on Kac's sphere that is  $f$ -chaotic. Assume that there exists  $C_S > 0$  and  $1 < \alpha < 2$  such that*

$$(1.33) \quad \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} v_1^4 d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C_S x^{2-\alpha}$$

uniformly in  $N$ , and that

$$(1.34) \quad \frac{H_N(\mu_N|\sigma^N)}{N} \leq C, \quad \frac{I_N(\mu_N|\sigma^N)}{N} \leq C$$

for all  $N$  and some  $2 < k < 4$ . Then  $\mu_N$  is  $f$ -entropically chaotic.

The presented work is structured as follows: In Section 2 we will present some preliminaries to the work, including known results on the normalisation function, marginals of probability measures on Kac's sphere and stable  $\alpha$  processes. Section 3 will be focused on finding a local Lévy Central Limit Theorem, to be used in Section 4, where we will prove Theorems 1.11 and 1.12. In Section 5 we will discuss the lower semi continuity property of processes of our type (Theorem 1.13) and prove the stability theorems, Theorems 1.14 and 1.15. Section 6 will see closing remarks for our work, while the Appendix will discuss a quantitative Lévy type approximation theorem, and include some additional computation that would otherwise encumber the presentation of our paper.

For more information about the Boltzmann equation, Kac's (and McKean's) model,

the spectral gap and entropy-entropy production problems, as well as discussion about chaoticity and entropic chaoticity we refer the interested reader to [2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 20, 24, 23].

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## 2. PRELIMINARIES.

**The Normalisation Function.** As discussed in the introduction, the normalisation function,  $\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{r})$ , plays an important role in the proofs of chaoticity and entropic chaoticity of distribution families of the form

$$F_N = \frac{f^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}.$$

In this short subsection we will give a probabilistic interpretation to it, as well as explain why it is well defined under simple conditions on  $f$ .

Before we begin, we'd like to make a small remark about notation convention: we frequently use the term 'distribution function' in this paper, by which we mean the Statistical Physics sense of the term, i.e. a probability density function in mathematical terms. In what follows, when we'll aim to be very precise and less confusing, we'll use the terms 'probability density function' and 'probability distribution function' to clarify certain conditions of theorems.

**Lemma 2.1.** *Let  $f$  be a probability density function for the real random variable  $V$ . Then*

$$(2.1) \quad \mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{r}) = \frac{2h^{*N}(r)}{|\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| r^{\frac{N-2}{2}}}$$

where  $h$  be the associated probability density function for the real random variable  $V^2$  and  $h^{*N}$  is the  $N$ -th iterated convolution of  $h$ .

Proof for the above lemma can be found in [4, 8], yet we present it here for completion.

*Proof.* Denote by  $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N V_i^2$  the sum of independent copies of the real random variable  $V^2$ . For any function  $\varphi \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^N)$ , depending only on  $r = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i^2}$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\varphi &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \varphi \left( \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N v_i^2} \right) \prod_{i=1}^N f(v_i) dv_1 \dots dv_N = \\ &= |\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| \int_0^\infty \varphi(r) r^{N-1} \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(r)} \prod_{i=1}^N f(v_i) d\sigma_r^N \right) dr = |\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| \int_0^\infty \varphi(r) r^{N-1} \mathcal{Z}_N(f, r) dr \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand

$$\mathbb{E}\varphi = \int_0^\infty \varphi(\sqrt{r}) s_N(r) dr = 2 \int_0^\infty r \varphi(r) s_N(r^2) dr.$$

Since the above is valid for any  $\varphi$  we conclude that

$$\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{r}) = \frac{2s_N(r)}{|\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| r^{\frac{N-2}{2}}}.$$

A known fact from probability theory states that the density function for  $S_N$ ,  $s_N$ , is given by

$$s_N(u) = h^{*N}(u)$$

where  $h^{*N}$  is the  $N$ -th iterated convolution of  $h$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 2.2.* It is easy to see that probability density function  $h$ , associated to the probability density function  $f$  as described in the above lemma, is given by

$$(2.2) \quad h(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\sqrt{u}) + f(-\sqrt{u})}{2\sqrt{u}} & u > 0 \\ 0 & u \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

As such, using the convexity of  $t \rightarrow t^q$  for any  $q > 1$ , we find that if in addition  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  then

$$(2.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \int h(u)^{p'} du &\leq \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \frac{f(\sqrt{u})^{p'} + f(-\sqrt{u})^{p'}}{u^{\frac{p'}{2}}} du = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(x)^{p'}}{x^{p'-1}} \\ &\leq \int_{[-1,1]} \frac{f(x)^{p'}}{x^{p'-1}} + \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(x)^{p'} dx \\ &\leq \left( \int_{[-1,1]} f(x)^p dx \right)^{\frac{p'}{p}} \left( \int_{[-1,1]} \frac{dx}{x^{\frac{p(p'-1)}{p-p'}}} \right)^{\frac{p-p'}{p'}} + \int_{f>1} f(x)^p dx + \int_{f<1} f(x) dx, \end{aligned}$$

where  $p' < p$ . Choosing  $1 < p' < \frac{2p}{1+p}$  we find  $h \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R})$ , showing that  $h$  itself gains extra integrability properties in this case. This will serve us later on in Section 4.

**Marginals on Kac's Sphere.** By its definition, chaoticity depends strongly on understanding how finite marginal on Kac's sphere behave. In particular, in our presented cases, we'll be interested to find a simple formula for the  $k$ -th marginal of probability measures of the form  $F_N d\sigma^N$ . To do that we state the following simple lemma, whose proof we'll omit, but can be found in [8]:

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $F_N$  be an integrable function on  $\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(r)$ , then*

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(r)} F_N d\sigma_r^N &= \frac{|\mathbb{S}^{N-j-1}|}{|\mathbb{S}^{N-1}|} \frac{1}{r^{N-2}} \int \left( r^2 - \sum_{i=1}^j v_i^2 \right)_+^{\frac{N-j-2}{2}} \\ &\quad \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-j-1}(\sqrt{r^2 - \sum_{i=1}^j v_i^2})} F_N d\sigma_{\sqrt{r^2 - \sum_{i=1}^j v_i^2}}^{N-j} \right) dv_1 \dots dv_j, \end{aligned}$$

where  $g_+ = \max(g, 0)$  for a function  $g$ .

Using the above lemma, one can easily show the following:

**Lemma 2.4.** *Given a distribution function  $F_N$  on Kac's sphere, then the probability density function of the  $k$ -th marginal of the probability measure  $F_N d\sigma^N$  is given by*

$$(2.4) \quad \Pi_k(F_N)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \frac{|\mathbb{S}^{N-k-1}|}{|\mathbb{S}^{N-1}|} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{N-2}{2}}} \left( N - \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 \right)_+^{\frac{N-k-2}{2}} \\ \left( \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-k-1}(\sqrt{r^2 - \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2})} F_N d\sigma^{N-k} \right).$$

Next we show a simple condition for chaoticity, one we will use later on in Section 4:

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $\{F_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family of distribution functions on Kac's sphere. Assume that there exists a distribution function  $f$ , on  $\mathbb{R}$ , such that*

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \Pi_k(F_N)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = f^{\otimes k}(v_1, \dots, v_k)$$

*pointwise for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then*

$$(2.6) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left\| \Pi_k(F_N)(v_1, \dots, v_k) - f^{\otimes k}(v_1, \dots, v_k) \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^k)} = 0,$$

*for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $n$  particular  $\{F_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $f$ -chaotic.*

The proof for this (and a more general statement) can be found in [10]. Since the proof is very simple we will add it here, for completion.

*Proof.* Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  be fixed. Define  $g_N = \Pi_k(F_N) + f^{\otimes k}$ . By assumption (2.5) we know that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} g_N = 2f^{\otimes k} = g,$$

pointwise and since  $|\Pi_k(F_N) - f^{\otimes k}| \leq g_N$ , and

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} g_N(v_1, \dots, v_k) dv_1 \dots dv_k = \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} g(v_1, \dots, v_k) dv_1 \dots dv_k$$

for all  $N$ , we can use the generalised dominated convergence theorem to conclude (2.6).  $\square$

**$\alpha$  Stable Processes.** The bulk of the material presented in this subsection is taken from the excellent book by Feller, [11], as well as the paper [12] by Goudon, Junca and Toscani.

The concept of stable distribution appears to be very adequate to deal with many real life situations where a strong deviation from the normal central limit theorem is observed. Stable distribution are a generalisation of the normal distribution, and act as attractors for properly scaled and shifted sums of identically distributed variables.

One of the simplest way to discuss stable distribution is via their characteristic

function. We remind the reader that in the probabilistic context, the characteristic function,  $\widehat{\varphi}$ , of a probability density  $\varphi$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  is given by

$$(2.7) \quad \widehat{\varphi}(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{ix\xi} \varphi(x) dx.$$

**Definition 2.6.** A random variable  $U$  is said to be  $\alpha$ -stable for  $0 < \alpha < 2$ ,  $\alpha \neq 1$  if

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}$$

has the same probability distribution function as  $U$ , where  $X_i$  are independent copies of  $U$ . Equivalently, the characteristic function of  $U$  is of the form

$$(2.8) \quad \widehat{\gamma}_{C_S, \alpha, p, q}(\xi) = e^{-C_S |\xi|^\alpha \cdot \frac{\Gamma(3-\alpha)}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) (1 + i \operatorname{sgn}(\xi)(p-q) \tan\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right))},$$

with  $C_S > 0$ ,  $p, q \geq 0$  and  $p + q = 1$ .

*Remark 2.7.* Some books, including Feller's, refer to above definition as *strict stability*.

*Remark 2.8.* Equation (2.8) can be rewritten in the form

$$(2.9) \quad \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}(\xi) = e^{-\sigma |\xi|^\alpha (1 + i \beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right))},$$

where

$$\sigma = C_S \cdot \frac{\Gamma(3-\alpha)}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) > 0, \quad \beta = p - q.$$

We will use both forms in accordance to the situation.

We will now define the Domain of Attraction of a stable distribution (which we will identify via its characteristic function), as well as the Natural Domain of Attraction and the Fourier Domain of Attraction.

**Definition 2.9.** The *Domain of Attraction* (in short, DA) of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$  is the set of all real random variables  $X$  such that there exist sequences  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} > 0$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$(2.10) \quad \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{a_n} - nb_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} U,$$

where  $X_i$  are independent copies of  $X$ ,  $U$  is the real random variable with characteristic function  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$  and the limit is to be understood in the weak sense. Equivalently, one can prove that the DA of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$  is the set of all real random variables  $X$ , whose characteristic function  $\widehat{\psi}$  satisfies

$$(2.11) \quad n \left( \widehat{\psi} \left( \frac{\xi}{a_n} \right) e^{-ib_n \xi} - 1 \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} -\sigma |\xi|^\alpha \left( 1 + i \beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right),$$

where  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{b_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are sequences as in (2.10) (See [11]).

**Definition 2.10.** The *Natural Domain of Attraction* (in short, NDA) of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$  is the subset of the DA of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$  for which  $a_n = n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$  and  $b_n = 0$  are applicable as a sequences in (2.10).

**Definition 2.11.** The *Fourier Domain of Attraction* (in short, FDA) of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  is the set of all real random variables  $X$  whose characteristic function  $\hat{\psi}$  satisfies

$$(2.12) \quad \hat{\psi}(\xi) = 1 - \sigma |\xi|^\alpha \left( 1 + i\beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right) + \eta(\xi),$$

where  $\frac{\eta(\xi)}{|\xi|^\alpha} \in L^\infty$  and  $\frac{\eta(\xi)}{|\xi|^\alpha} \xrightarrow{\xi \rightarrow 0} 0$ . The function  $\eta$  is called *the reminder function* of  $\hat{\psi}$ .

The next theorem, taken from [12], is important for our local central limit theorem. The fact that it only works in  $\mathbb{R}$  will affect the lower semi-continuity property, discussed in Section 5.

**Theorem 2.12.** *For any  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  we have that the NDA equals the FDA.*

Due to its importance, we will present a full proof for this theorem. The proof relies on the following technical lemma (again, taken from [12]):

**Lemma 2.13.** *Let  $g : \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function that satisfies  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 0$ .*

We leave the proof to the Appendix, and show how one can prove Theorem 2.12 using it.

*Proof of Theorem 2.12.* We start with the easy direction. Assume that  $\hat{\psi}$  is in the FDA of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} n \left( \hat{\psi}\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right) - 1 \right) &= -n \cdot \frac{\sigma |\xi|^\alpha}{n} \left( 1 + i\beta \operatorname{sgn}\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right) \tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right) + n\eta\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right). \\ &= -\sigma |\xi|^\alpha \left( 1 + i\beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right) + |\xi|^\alpha \cdot \frac{\eta\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right)}{\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right)^\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

concluding the desired result.

Conversely, assume that  $\hat{\psi}$  is in the NDA of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  and define

$$\eta(\xi) = \hat{\psi}(\xi) - 1 + \sigma |\xi|^\alpha \left( 1 + i\beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right).$$

We have that for any  $\xi \neq 0$

$$\frac{\eta\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right)}{\left|\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right|^\alpha} = \frac{1}{|\xi|^\alpha} \left( n \left( \hat{\psi}\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right) - 1 \right) + \sigma |\xi|^\alpha \left( 1 + i\beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right) \right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Defining  $g(\xi) = \frac{\eta(\xi)}{|\xi|^\alpha}$  we find that  $g$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and

$$g\left(\frac{\xi}{n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

for any  $\xi \neq 0$ . A simple modification of Lemma 2.13 proves that  $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow 0} g(\xi) = 0$ . This also shows, since  $\eta$  is continuous, that  $\frac{\eta(\xi)}{|\xi|^\alpha}$  is bounded around  $\xi = 0$ . For  $|\xi| > \delta$  we have that

$$\frac{|\eta(\xi)|}{|\xi|^\alpha} \leq \frac{2}{\delta^\alpha} + \sigma \left( 1 + |\beta| \left| \tan \left( \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} \right) \right| \right),$$

proving that  $\frac{\eta(\xi)}{|\xi|^\alpha} \in L^\infty$ , and the result follows.  $\square$

Theorem 2.12 gives us a very convenient approximation for the characteristic function of any real random variable in the NDA of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\beta,\alpha}$ , one we will use quite strongly in the next section. For now, we finish by quoting a theorem from Feller's book, [11], giving conditions for a real random variable to be in the NDA of a stable distribution.

**Theorem 2.14.** *Let  $F$  be a probability distribution function of a real random variable,  $X$ , that has zero mean, and let  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . Denote by*

$$(2.13) \quad \mu(x) = \int_{-x}^x y^2 F(dy).$$

If

(i)

$$(2.14) \quad \mu(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} x^{2-\alpha} L(x),$$

where  $L$  is slowly varying (i.e.  $\frac{L(tx)}{L(x)} \rightarrow 1$  for any  $t > 0$ ).

(ii)

$$(2.15) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{1 - F(x)}{1 - F(x) + F(-x)} &\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} p, \\ \frac{F(-x)}{1 - F(x) + F(-x)} &\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} q. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) *There exists a sequence  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} > 0$  such that*

$$(2.16) \quad \frac{n\mu(a_n)}{a_n^2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} C_S.$$

*Then  $X$  is in the DA of  $\hat{\gamma}_{C_S,\alpha,p,q}$  with  $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  found in (iii) and  $b_n = 0$ .*

**Remark 2.15.** It is worth mentioning that a similar, less restrictive theorem, holds in the case  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Since we will not use it in this work, we decided to exclude it from this section. For more information we refer the interested reader to [11].

**Remark 2.16.** Of particular interest to us are the following cases:

- if in condition (i) of Theorem 2.14 one has that  $L(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C_S$  then the sequence

$$a_n = n^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

will be suitable for condition (iii) of the same theorem.

- If the probability distribution function,  $F(x)$ , is supported in  $[\kappa, \infty)$  for some  $\kappa \in \mathbb{R}$  then condition (ii) of Theorem 2.14 is immediately satisfied with  $p = 1$  and  $q = 0$ .

We are now ready to begin with the main technical tool of this paper - a local Lévy central limit theorem.

### 3. LÉVY TYPE LOCAL CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM.

The central limit theorem is one of those rare theorems that is of immense importance both theoretically and in practice. The first version to be discovered involved convergence to a normal distribution of certain rescaled and shifted sums of independent identically distributed real variables, but as more and more cases of deviation from such nice distribution were observed, a more general version of a central limit theorem, one involving the stable distribution, was investigated. Of particular interest in our field of study is the concept of a *local central limit theorem*, that is - a central limit theorem that doesn't only apply to the probability distribution function but to the probability density function as well.

In this section we will present such theorem, extending results obtained in [4] for the case where one has a bounded fourth moment. The proofs associated with the local limit theorem are modelled on similar ideas to those presented in the above paper, but there are some significant changes, on which we will remark. The main idea of the proof is to evaluate the supremum of the difference between the probability density functions using inversion formula and their characteristic functions. An integral will emerge, one we will have to divide into two domains: low and high frequencies. The domain of low frequencies will be taken care of by requiring that the characteristic function would be in the NDA of some stable distribution. The high frequency domain is what we'll deal with presently.

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $g$  be a probability density function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that*

$$(3.1) \quad E_\lambda = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|^\lambda g(x) dx < \infty,$$

*for some  $\lambda > 0$ , and*

$$(3.2) \quad H(g) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) \log g(x) dx < \infty.$$

*Then for any  $\beta > 0$ , there exists  $\eta = \eta(\beta, H(g), E_\lambda) > 0$  such that if  $|\xi| > \beta$  then  $|\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq 1 - \eta$ . Moreover, given  $\tau > 0$  one can get the estimation*

$$(3.3) \quad |\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq 1 - \beta^{2+\tau} + \phi_\tau(\beta),$$

*for  $\beta < \beta_0$  small enough, where  $\frac{\phi_\delta(\tau)}{\beta^{2+\tau}} \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} 0$ .*

**Remark 3.2.** The proof of the first part of the above theorem, to be presented shortly, is very similar to the proof found in [4]. The novelty of our approach manifests itself mainly in (3.3), where an explicit distance from 1 is given. The surprising part is that to show this estimation no new machinery is required, only an intermediate approximation.



*Proof.* For a given  $\xi \in \mathbb{R}$  we can find a  $z \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$|\widehat{g}(\xi)| = \widehat{g}(\xi) e^{-2\pi i \xi z}.$$

By the definition of the Fourier transform, and the fact that  $\widehat{g}(0) = 1$ , we have that

$$|\widehat{g}(\xi)| = \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) e^{-2\pi i (x+z)\xi} dx = 1 - \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) (1 - e^{-2\pi i (x+z)\xi}) dx.$$

Since  $|\widehat{g}|$  is real we find that

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{g}(\xi)| &= 1 - \int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) (1 - \cos(2\pi(x+z)\xi)) dx \\ (3.4) \quad &\leq 1 - \int_B g(x) (1 - \cos(2\pi(x+z)\xi)) dx \end{aligned}$$

for any measurable set  $B$ .

Define:

$$B_{\delta,R} = \{x \in [-R, R] \mid 1 - \cos(2\pi(z+x)\xi) \leq \delta\},$$

where  $\delta$  and  $R$  are to be specified later. From its definition, and (3.4), we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} |\widehat{g}(\xi)| &\leq 1 - \int_{[-R,R] \setminus B_{\delta,R}} g(x) (1 - \cos(2\pi(x+z)\xi)) dx \\ (3.5) \quad &\leq 1 - \delta \int_{[-R,R] \setminus B_{\delta,R}} g(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Next we notice that  $x \in B_{\delta,R}$  if and only if  $x \in [-R, R]$  and

$$|2\pi(z+x)\xi + 2\pi k| \leq \arccos(1 - \delta)$$

for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since  $\arccos(1 - \delta) \leq \sqrt{2\delta}$  we conclude that if  $x \in B_{\delta,R}$  then, for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$(3.6) \quad \left| x - \left( \frac{k}{\xi} - z \right) \right| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2\delta}}{2\pi|\xi|}.$$

We denote by  $I_k$  the closed intervals centred in  $\frac{k}{\xi} - z$ , with radius  $\frac{\sqrt{2\delta}}{2\pi|\xi|}$ . Since the distance between the centres of any two  $I_k$ -s is at least  $\frac{1}{|\xi|}$ , while the length of each interval is at most  $\frac{1}{\pi|\xi|}$ , if we pick  $\delta < \frac{1}{2}$ , we conclude that the intervals  $I_k$ -s are mutually disjoint.

From (3.6) we see that the set  $B_{\delta,R}$  is contained in a union of  $I_k$ -s.

Let  $n$  be the number of  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\frac{k}{\xi} - z \in [-R, R]$ . All such  $k$ -s, but possibly the biggest and smallest  $k$ , satisfy that  $I_k \subset [-R, R]$ . Thus,

$$(n-2) \cdot \frac{1}{\pi|\xi|} \leq \sum_{I_k \subset [-R,R]} |I_k| \leq 2R.$$

With  $|\cdot|$  denoting the Lebesgue measure, we conclude that

$$(3.7) \quad |B_{\delta,R}| \leq n \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2\delta}}{\pi|\xi|} \leq \left( 2R + \frac{2}{\pi|\xi|} \right) \cdot \sqrt{2\delta} \leq 2R \left( 1 + \frac{1}{R\beta} \right) \cdot \sqrt{2\delta}.$$

At this point we will use the entropy and moment condition on  $g$  to connect between the known value  $|B_{\delta,R}|$  and the desired value  $\int_{B_{\delta,R}} g(x) dx$ . To do that we will use the relative entropy (see Definition 1.21) and the following known inequality:

$$(3.8) \quad \mu(B) \leq \frac{2H(\mu|\nu)}{\log\left(1 + \frac{H(\mu|\nu)}{\nu(B)}\right)},$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  are regular probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $B$  is a measurable set. Define

$$(3.9) \quad d\mu(x) = \frac{\chi_{[-R,R]}(x)g(x)}{\int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx} dx, \quad d\nu(x) = \frac{\chi_{[-R,R]}(x)}{2R} dx.$$

We have that  $\frac{d\mu}{d\nu}(x) = \frac{2R\chi_{[-R,R]}(x)g(x)}{\int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx}$  and

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{aligned} H(\mu|\nu) &= \int_{[-R,R]} \log\left(\frac{2Rg(x)}{\int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx}\right) \frac{g(x)}{\int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx} dx \\ &= \log(2R) - \log\left(\int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx\right) + \frac{1}{\int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx} \int_{[-R,R]} g(x) \log g(x) dx \\ &\leq \log(2R) - \log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}} \int g(x) |\log g(x)| dx. \end{aligned}$$

We have used the fact that

$$(3.11) \quad \int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx = 1 - \int_{|x|>R} g(x) dx \geq 1 - \frac{1}{R^\lambda} \int_{|x|>R} |x|^\lambda g(x) dx \geq 1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}.$$

We will now turn our attention to the term  $\int g(x) |\log(g(x))| dx$ . For *any* positive function  $\psi(x)$ , we have that

$$\psi(x) \left( \frac{g(x)}{\psi(x)} \log\left(\frac{g(x)}{\psi(x)}\right) - \frac{g(x)}{\psi(x)} + 1 \right) \geq 0.$$

Thus, for any measurable set  $A$  we have that

$$\int_A g(x) \log g(x) dx \geq \int_A g(x) \log \psi(x) dx + \int_A g(x) - \int_A \psi(x) dx,$$

when the right hand side is finite. Choosing  $\psi(x) = e^{-|x|^\lambda}$  and  $A = \{g < 1\}$  we find that

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \int_{g<1} g(x) \log g(x) dx \right| &= - \int_{g<1} g(x) \log g(x) \\ &\leq \int_{g<1} |x|^\lambda g(x) dx - \int_{g<1} g(x) dx + \int_{g<1} \psi(x) dx < E_\lambda + C_\lambda. \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_\lambda = \int \psi(x) dx$ . Since

$$\int g(x) |\log(g(x))| = H(g) - 2 \int_{g<1} g(x) \log g(x) dx.$$

we conclude that

$$(3.13) \quad H(\mu|\nu) \leq \log(2R) - \log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{H(g) + 2E_\lambda + 2C_\lambda}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}}.$$

Together with (3.7) and (3.8) we find that

$$(3.14) \quad \mu(B_{\delta,R}) \leq \frac{2\log(2R) - 2\log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{2H(g) + 4E_\lambda + 4C_\lambda}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}}}{\log\left(1 + \frac{\log(2R) - \log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{H(g) + 2E_\lambda + 2C_\lambda}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}}}{2R\left(1 + \frac{1}{R\beta}\right)\sqrt{2\delta}}\right)}.$$

Next, we notice that

$$\int_{[-R,R] \setminus B_{\delta,R}} g(x) dx = \left( \int_{[-R,R]} g(x) dx \right) \mu([-R,R] \setminus B_{\delta,R}) \geq \left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) (1 - \mu(B_{\delta,R}))$$

which, along with (3.5) and (3.14) gives us the following control:

$$(3.15) \quad |\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq 1 - \delta \cdot \left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2\log(2R) - 2\log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{2H(g) + 4E_\lambda + 4C_\lambda}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}}}{\log\left(1 + \frac{\log(2R) - \log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{H(g) + 2E_\lambda + 2C_\lambda}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}}}{2R\left(1 + \frac{1}{R\beta}\right)\sqrt{2\delta}}\right)}\right)$$

At this point we can choose  $R$  and  $\delta < \frac{1}{2}$  appropriately. For any  $\tau > 0$  we choose  $\delta = \beta^{2+\tau}$  and  $R = -\log \beta$  we find that for  $\beta$  going to zero

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{2\log(2R) - 2\log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{2H(g) + 4E_\lambda + 4C_\lambda}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}}}{\log\left(1 + \frac{\log(2R) - \log\left(1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}\right) + \frac{H(g) + 2E_\lambda + 2C_\lambda}{1 - \frac{E_\lambda}{R^\lambda}}}{2R\left(1 + \frac{1}{R\beta}\right)\sqrt{2\delta}}\right)} \approx \frac{2\log(-\log(\beta))}{\log\left(1 + \frac{\log(-\log(\beta))}{-2\sqrt{2}\beta^{1+\frac{\tau}{2}}\log(\beta) + 2\sqrt{2}\beta^{\frac{\tau}{2}}}\right)} \\ & \approx \frac{2\log(-\log(\beta))}{\log(\log(-\log(\beta))) - \frac{\tau}{2} \cdot \log(\beta)} \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$|\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq 1 - \beta^{2+\tau} + \phi_\tau(\beta),$$

where  $\frac{\phi_\tau(\beta)}{\beta^{2+\tau}} \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} 0$ . □

Before we state and prove our main Lévy central limit theorem, we state a simple technical lemma, one that will be proven in the appendix. A similar argument can be found in [12].

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $\widehat{g}$  be the characteristic function of a random real variable  $X$  that is in the NDA of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ . Then there exists  $\beta_0 > 0$  such that for all  $|\xi| < \beta_0$  we have that*

$$(3.16) \quad |\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq e^{-\frac{\sigma|\xi|^\alpha}{2}}.$$

**Theorem 3.4.** *Let  $g$  be the probability density function of a random real variable  $X$ . Assume that  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p > 1$  and  $g$  is in the NDA of  $\gamma_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  for some  $\sigma > 0$ ,  $\beta$  and  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . Assume in addition that  $g$  has finite moment of some order. Define*

$$g_N(x) = N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} g^{*N}\left(N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x\right),$$

and

$$(3.17) \quad \gamma_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}(\xi) e^{i\xi x} d\xi.$$

Then, for any positive sequence  $\{\beta_N\}_{N \rightarrow \infty}$  that converges to zero as  $N$  goes to infinity, any  $\tau > 0$  and  $N$  large enough we have that

$$(3.18) \quad \begin{aligned} \|g_N - \gamma_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}\|_{\infty} &\leq C_{g,\alpha} \left( N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} (1 - \beta_N^{2+\tau} + \phi_{\tau}(\beta_N))^{N-q} + e^{-\frac{\sigma N \beta_N^{\alpha}}{2}} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \omega_{\eta}(\beta_N) + 2\sigma \beta_N^{\alpha} \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right) \right) = \epsilon_{\tau}(N), \end{aligned}$$

where

- (i)  $C_{g,\alpha} > 0$  is a constant depending only on  $g$ , its moments and  $\alpha$ .
- (ii)  $q$  can be chosen to be the Hölder conjugate of  $\min(2, p)$ .
- (iii)  $\phi_{\tau}$  satisfies

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_{\tau}(x)}{|x|^{2+\tau}} = 0,$$

- (iv)  $\eta$  is the reminder function of  $\widehat{g}$ , defined in Definition 2.11, and  $\omega_{\eta}(\beta) = \sup_{|x| \leq \beta} \frac{|\eta(x)|}{|x|^{\alpha}}$ .

The proof of Theorem 3.4 is similar in nature to proofs presented in [4, 12], yet there are some differences. The main one is the explicit estimation, per  $N$ , of the distance between  $g_N(x)$  and  $\gamma_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ .

*Proof.* We start by noticing that

$$\widehat{g_N}(\xi) = \widehat{g}^N\left(\frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right),$$

and from the inversion formula for characteristic functions (see [11]) we have that  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  is the characteristic function of  $\gamma_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ .

Since  $g \in L^1(\mathbb{R}) \cap L^p(\mathbb{R})$  we conclude that  $g \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R})$  for any  $1 \leq p' \leq p$ . Thus, its characteristic function belongs to some  $L^q(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $q > 1$ . One can choose  $q$  to be the Hölder conjugate of  $\min(2, p)$ . For any  $N > q$  we have that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |\widehat{g_N}(\xi)| d\xi \leq \|\widehat{g}\|_{\infty}^{N-q} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \widehat{g}\left(\frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right) \right|^q d\xi \leq N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \|\widehat{g}\|_{L^q}^q < \infty.$$

This implies that we can use the inversion formula for  $g$ , and as such, for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
 |g_N(x) - \gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}(x)| &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \widehat{g}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) - \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}(\xi) \right| d\xi \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \widehat{g}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) - \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right| d\xi \\
 (3.19) \quad &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|\xi| < \beta_N N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \left| \widehat{g}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) - \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right| d\xi \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|\xi| > \beta_N N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \left| \widehat{g}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right| d\xi + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|\xi| > \beta_N N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \left| \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}(\xi) \right| d\xi \\
 &= I_1 + I_2 + I_3.
 \end{aligned}$$

The partition in (3.19) corresponds to the low-high frequencies domains we referred to at the beginning of the section. We will start with estimating  $I_1$ .

Since  $\widehat{g}$  is in the NDA of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$ , Theorem 2.12 assures us that  $\widehat{g}$  is in the FDA of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$  and there exists a reminder function,  $\eta$ , such that

$$(3.20) \quad |\widehat{g}(\xi) - \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}(\xi)| = |\eta(\xi)| + |\eta_\gamma(\xi)|,$$

with

$$(3.21) \quad |\eta_\gamma(\xi)| \leq 2\sigma^2 |\xi|^{2\alpha} \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} \right) \right)$$

when  $|\xi| < \beta_1$  for some small  $\beta_1 > 0$ . Thus,

$$(3.22) \quad \sup_{|\xi| < \beta_N} \frac{|\widehat{g}(\xi) - \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}(\xi)|}{|\xi|^\alpha} \leq \omega_\eta(\beta_N) + 2\sigma\beta_N^\alpha \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} \right) \right)$$

for  $N$  large enough such that  $\beta_N < \beta_1$ .

Next, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \widehat{g}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) - \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}^N \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right| \\
 (3.23) \quad &\leq \left| \widehat{g} \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) - \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta} \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right| \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left| \widehat{g} \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right|^k \left| \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta} \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right|^{N-1-k}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Picking  $N$  such that  $\frac{|\xi|}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} < \beta_N < \beta_0$  from Lemma 3.3 we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.24) \quad &\sum_{k=0}^{N-1} \left| \widehat{g} \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right|^k \left| \widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta} \left( \frac{\xi}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \right|^{N-1-k} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{N-1} e^{-\frac{\sigma k |\xi|^\alpha}{2N}} \cdot e^{-\frac{\sigma(N-k-1)|\xi|^\alpha}{N}} \\
 &\leq N e^{-\frac{\sigma(N-1)|\xi|^\alpha}{2N}} \leq N e^{-\frac{\sigma|\xi|^\alpha}{4}},
 \end{aligned}$$

when  $N \geq 2$ . Combining (3.22), (3.23) and (3.24) we see that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3.25) \quad I_1 &\leq \frac{\omega_\eta(\beta_N) + 2\sigma\beta_N^\alpha \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} \right) \right)}{2\pi} \int_{|\xi| < \beta_N N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \frac{|\xi|^\alpha}{N} \cdot N e^{-\frac{\sigma|\xi|^\alpha}{4}} d\xi \\
 &\leq C \left( \omega_\eta(\beta_N) + 2\sigma\beta_N^\alpha \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} \right) \right) \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $C = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\xi|^\alpha e^{-\frac{\sigma|\xi|^\alpha}{4}} d\xi$ . Next, we estimate  $I_2$ .

The expression  $I_2$  is connected to the high frequency theorem, Theorem 3.1, and as such we need to check that its conditions are satisfied. From the conditions given in the statement of our theorem, we know that there exists  $\lambda > 0$  such that  $E_\lambda < \infty$ , using the notations of Theorem 3.1. We only need to show that  $H(g) < \infty$ . Indeed, since  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p > 1$  we have that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} g(x) |\log g(x)| dx = - \int_{g < 1} g(x) \log g(x) dx + \int_{g \geq 1} g(x) \log g(x) dx.$$

We already showed in the proof of Theorem 3.1 that  $-\int_{g < 1} g(x) \log g(x) dx < \infty$ , and since we can always find  $C_p > 0$  such that  $\log x \leq C_p x^{p-1}$  for  $x \geq 1$  we conclude that

$$\int_{g \geq 1} g(x) \log g(x) dx \leq C_p \|g\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R})}^p < \infty,$$

showing that  $H(g) < \infty$ . Thus, for any  $\tau > 0$  and for  $\beta$  small enough we have that

$$|\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq 1 - \beta^{2+\tau} + \phi_\tau(\beta),$$

with  $\frac{\phi_\tau(\beta)}{\beta^{2+\tau}} \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} 0$ .

Using the above, we conclude that

$$(3.26) \quad I_2 = \frac{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{2\pi} \int_{|\xi| > \beta_N} |\widehat{g}(\xi)|^N d\xi \leq \frac{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}{2\pi} (1 - \beta_N^{2+\tau} + \phi_\tau(\beta_N))^{N-q} \|\widehat{g}\|_{L^q(\mathbb{R})}^q.$$

Lastly, we need to estimate  $I_3$ , which is the simplest of the three integrals. Indeed

$$(3.27) \quad I_3 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{|\xi| > \beta_N N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} e^{-\sigma|\xi|^\alpha} d\xi \leq \frac{e^{-\frac{\sigma N \beta_N^\alpha}{2}}}{2\pi} \int_{|\xi| > \beta_N N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} e^{-\frac{\sigma|\xi|^\alpha}{2}} d\xi \\ \leq D e^{-\frac{\sigma N \beta_N^\alpha}{2}},$$

where  $D = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-\frac{\sigma|\xi|^\alpha}{2}} d\xi$ . Combining (3.25), (3.26) and (3.27) yields the desired result.  $\square$

*Remark 3.5.* It is clear that if  $\{\beta_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is chosen such that it goes to zero and

$$\beta_N^{2+\tau} N \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \infty$$

then  $\epsilon_\tau(N)$ , defined in the above theorem, goes to zero as  $N$  goes to infinity, and we have an explicit rate to how fast it does it. A different method to undertake here is to pick  $\beta_0$  small enough that all the steps of the proof the theorem work, and get that

$$\|g_N - \gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}\|_\infty \leq C_{g, \alpha} \left( N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} (1 - \beta_0^{2+\tau} + \phi_\tau(\beta_0))^{N-q} + e^{-\frac{\sigma N \beta_0^\alpha}{2}} \right. \\ \left. + \omega_\eta(\beta_0) + 2\sigma \beta_0^\alpha \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi \alpha}{2} \right) \right) \right).$$

Thus

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \|g_N - \gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}\|_{\infty} \leq \lim_{\beta_0 \rightarrow 0} \left( \omega_{\eta}(\beta_0) + 2\sigma\beta_0^{\alpha} \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} \right) \right) \right) = 0,$$

proving the desired convergence, but losing the explicit  $N$  dependency!

An immediate corollary of Theorem 3.4 is the following:

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $g$  be the probability density function of a random real variable  $X$ . Assume that  $g \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p' > 1$  and*

(1)  $\int |x|g(x)dx < \infty$ .

(2)  $\mu_g(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C_S x^{2-\alpha}$  for some  $C_S > 0$  and  $1 < \alpha < 2$  where

$$\mu_g(x) = \int_{-x}^x y^2 g(y) dy.$$

(3)

$$\frac{1 - G(x)}{1 - G(x) + G(-x)} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} p$$

$$\frac{G(-x)}{1 - G(x) + G(-x)} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} q,$$

where  $G(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g(y) dy$ .

Then, for any positive sequence  $\{\beta_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  that converges to zero as  $N$  goes to infinity and satisfies

$$(3.28) \quad \beta_N^{2+\tau} N \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \infty,$$

for some  $\tau > 0$  and for  $N$  large enough, we have that

$$(3.29) \quad \sup_x \left| g^{*N}(x) - \frac{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta} \left( \frac{x - NE}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right)}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right| \leq \frac{C_{g, \alpha}}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \left( N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} (1 - \beta_N^{2+\tau} + \phi_{\tau}(\beta_N))^{N-q'} \right. \\ \left. + e^{-\frac{\sigma N \beta_N^{\alpha}}{2}} + \omega_{\eta}(\beta_N) + 2\sigma\beta_N^{\alpha} \left( 1 + \beta^2 \tan^2 \left( \frac{\pi\alpha}{2} \right) \right) \right) = \frac{\epsilon_{\tau}(N)}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}},$$

where

(i)  $\sigma = C_S \frac{\Gamma(3-\alpha)}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)$ ,  $\beta = p - q$ .

(ii)  $E = \int_{\mathbb{R}} xg(x)dx$ .

(iii)  $C_{g, \alpha} > 0$  is a constant depending only on  $g$ , its moments and  $\alpha$ .

(iv)  $q'$  can be chosen to be the Hölder conjugate of  $\min(2, p')$ .

(v)  $\phi_{\tau}$  satisfies

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\phi_{\tau}(x)}{|x|^{2+\tau}} = 0,$$

(vi)  $\eta(\xi)$  is the reminder function of  $e^{-i\xi E} \widehat{g}(\xi)$ , defined in Definition 2.11, and

$$\omega_{\eta}(\beta) = \sup_{|x| \leq \beta} \frac{|\eta(x)|}{|x|^{\alpha}}.$$

Under the condition (3.28) and the conclusions (i) – (vi) one finds that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon_{\tau}(N) = 0.$$

*Proof.* We start by defining  $g_0(x) = g(x+E)$ . Clearly  $g_0 \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|g_0(x)dx < \infty$ . If we will be able to show that  $g_0$  is in the NDA of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ , then, using Theorem 3.4, we can conclude that

$$\sup_x \left| g^{*N} \left( N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} x + NE \right) - \frac{\gamma_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}(x)}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right| \leq \frac{\epsilon_\tau(N)}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}},$$

as  $g_0^{*N}(x) = g^{*N}(x + NE)$ , and the desired result follows.

We only have to prove that  $g_0$  is in the appropriate NDA. To do that we will use Theorem 2.14. From its definition we know that  $g_0$  has zero mean. Clearly

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1 - G_0(x)}{1 - G_0(x) + G_0(-x)} &\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} p \\ \frac{G_0(-x)}{1 - G_0(x) + G_0(-x)} &\xrightarrow{x \rightarrow \infty} q, \end{aligned}$$

with  $G_0(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x g_0(y)dy$ , as  $G_0(x) = G(x+E)$ .

Next, we see that

$$\mu_{g_0}(x) = \int_{-x}^x y^2 g_0(y)dy = \int_{-x+E}^{x+E} y^2 g(y)dy - 2E \int_{-x+E}^{x+E} y g(y)dy + E^2 \int_{-x+E}^{x+E} g(y)dy.$$

The first term is bounded between  $\mu_g(x-E)$  and  $\mu_g(x+E)$  and as such behaves like  $C_S x^{2-\alpha}$  as  $x$  goes to infinity. The rest of the terms have a limit as  $x$  goes to infinity, implying that

$$\mu_{g_0}(x) \sim C_S x^{2-\alpha}.$$

All the conditions of Theorem 2.14 are satisfied (see Remark 2.16), with  $\sigma$  and  $\beta$  given by (i), and the proof is complete.  $\square$

Now that we have an appropriate local central limit theorem, we are ready to go to the next section where we will show that families of the type

$$F_N = \frac{f^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}$$

are chaotic and entropically chaotic, for a large class of functions  $f$  with moments of order  $2\alpha$ ,  $1 < \alpha < 2$ .

Before we do that we'd like to mention that with additional conditions on  $g$ , the estimation on  $\epsilon_\tau$ , defined in Theorem 3.6, can become more explicit. This will be done via an explicit estimation for  $\omega_\eta(\xi)$ . Such estimation can be found in [12], yet the additional conditions are very restrictive and we weren't able to find many functions that will satisfy all of them with our simpler conditions. As it is still of interest we will provide some information on the matter in the Appendix.

#### 4. CHAOTICITY AND ENTROPIC CHAOTICITY FOR FAMILIES WITH UNBOUNDED FOURTH MOMENT.

The study of the chaoticity and entropic chaoticity of distribution function,  $\{F_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ , on Kac's sphere that have the special form given in (1.16) is intimately connected to the asymptotic behaviour of the normalisation function  $\mathcal{Z}_N(f, r)$  at all  $r$ , and not only its value at  $r = \sqrt{N}$ . Formula (2.1) for the normalisation



function, presented in Section 2, and the local central limit theorem we just proved provide us with the necessary tools to find the desired behaviour.

**Theorem 4.1.** *Let  $f$  be the probability density function of a random real variable  $V$  such that  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p > 1$ . Let*

$$\nu_f(x) = \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} y^4 f(y) dy,$$

and assume that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 f(x) dx = E < \infty.$$

and  $\nu_f(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C_S x^{2-\alpha}$  for some  $C_S > 0$  and  $1 < \alpha < 2$ . Then

$$(4.1) \quad \sup_x \left| h^{*N}(x) - \frac{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{x - NE}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right)}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right| \leq \frac{\epsilon(N)}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}},$$

where  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \epsilon(N) = 0$ ,  $\sigma = C_S \frac{\Gamma(3-\alpha)}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)$  and  $h$  is the probability density function of the random variable  $V^2$ . Moreover,  $\epsilon(N)$  can be bound by  $\epsilon_\tau(N)$ , given in Theorem 3.6, with  $\eta$  the reminder function of  $\hat{h}$ .

In addition,

$$(4.2) \quad \mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{r}) = \frac{2}{|\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| r^{\frac{N-2}{2}}} \frac{1}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \left( \gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{r - NE}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) + \lambda_N(r) \right),$$

where  $\sup_u |\lambda_N(u)| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

*Proof.* We start by noticing that (4.2) follows immediately from (2.1) and (4.1). Next, we will show that the conditions of Theorem 3.6 are satisfied by  $h$ , concluding inequality (4.1), and the estimation for  $\epsilon(N)$ .

As was mentioned before, the function  $h$  is given by

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{f(\sqrt{x}) + f(-\sqrt{x})}{2\sqrt{x}} & x > 0 \\ 0 & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

and  $h \in L^{p'}(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p' > 1$  when  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  with  $p > 1$  (see Remark 2.2). Moreover, for any  $\kappa > 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|^\kappa h(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|^{2\kappa} f(x) dx,$$

from which we conclude that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| h(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x h(x) dx = E < \infty.$$

By its definition

$$\mu_h(x) = \int_{-x}^x y^2 h(y) dy = \nu_f(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C_S x^{2-\alpha},$$

and recalling Remark 2.16, we conclude that if  $H$  is the probability distribution function of  $V^2$  then for any  $x > 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1 - H(x)}{1 - H(x) + H(-x)} &= 1 \\ \frac{H(-x)}{1 - H(x) + H(-x)} &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Thus, all the condition of Theorem 3.6 are satisfied by  $h$  with the appropriate  $\sigma, \alpha$  and  $\beta = 1$ , and the proof is complete.  $\square$

*Remark 4.2.* A couple of remarks:

- The formula for the normalisation function,  $\mathcal{Z}_N$ , depends heavily on  $h^{*N}$ , where  $h$  is the distribution function of the random variable  $V^2$ . Any hope for a normal central limit theorem, let alone a local one, relies heavily on the finiteness of the variance of  $h$ , i.e. the fourth moment of  $f$ . This is exactly the reason why the fourth moment of  $f$  plays such an important role in the theory. When  $f$  lacks that condition, a thing that manifests itself via the function  $v_f(x)$  in the above theorem, there is still something that can be said and our local central limit theorem comes into play by replacing the Gaussian with the stable laws.
- The parameter  $\beta$  represents the skewness of the stable distribution. In general  $\beta \in [-1, 1]$  and the closer it is to 1, the more right skewed the distribution is. The closer it gets to  $-1$ , the more left skewed the distribution is. Since our probability density function  $h$  is supported on the positive real line, it is not surprising that we got that  $\beta$  must be 1!

We are now ready to prove Theorems 1.11 and 1.12.

*Proof of Theorem 1.11.* Due to the given information on  $f$ , we see that it satisfies all the conditions of Theorem 4.1, and as such for any finite  $k \in \mathbb{R}$

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} & \left| \mathbb{S}^{N-k-1} \right| r^{\frac{N-k-2}{2}} \mathcal{Z}_{N-k}(f, \sqrt{r}) \\ &= \frac{2}{(N-k)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \left( \gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{r - (N-k)}{(N-k)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) + \lambda_{N-k}(r) \right), \end{aligned}$$

for some  $\sigma = C_S \frac{\Gamma(3-\alpha)}{\alpha(\alpha-1)} \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)$  and  $\lambda_{N-k}$  such that

$$\epsilon_{N-k} = \sup_r |\lambda_{N-k}(r)| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Using Lemma 2.4 with  $F_N = \frac{f^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_k(F_N)(v_1, \dots, v_k) &= \frac{\left| \mathbb{S}^{N-k-1} \right| (N - \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2)_+^{\frac{N-k-2}{2}} \mathcal{Z}_{N-k}(f, \sqrt{N - \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2})}{\left| \mathbb{S}^{N-1} \right| N^{\frac{N-2}{2}} \mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} \\ &\quad \cdot f^{\otimes k}(v_1, \dots, v_k). \end{aligned}$$

Combining this with (4.3) yields

$$(4.4) \quad \Pi_k(F_N)(v_1, \dots, v_k) = \left( \frac{N}{N-k} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \frac{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{k - \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2}{(N-k)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) + \lambda_{N-k}(N - \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2)}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \lambda_N(N)} \cdot f^{\otimes k}(v_1, \dots, v_k) \chi_{\sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 \leq N}(v_1, \dots, v_k),$$

where  $\chi_A$  is the characteristic function of the set  $A$ . By its definition, given in (3.17), and the properties of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$ , we know that  $\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}$  is bounded and continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ . As such, along with the conditions on  $\lambda_{N-k}$  and  $\lambda_N$ , we conclude that

$$\Pi_k(F_N)(v_1, \dots, v_k) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} f^{\otimes k}(v_1, \dots, v_k),$$

pointwise. Using Lemma 2.5 we obtain that  $\{F_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is  $f$ -chaotic.

Next we turn our attention to the entropic chaos. Using symmetry, (4.3) and (4.4) we find that

$$\begin{aligned} H_N(F_N) &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} f^{\otimes N} \log(f^{\otimes N}) d\sigma^N - \log(\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})) \\ &= N \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Pi_1(F_N)(v_1) \log(f(v_1)) dv_1 - \log \left( \frac{2(\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \lambda_N(N))}{|\mathbb{S}|^{N-1} N^{\frac{N-2}{2} + \frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) \\ &= N \left( \frac{N}{N-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_{-\sqrt{N}}^{\sqrt{N}} \frac{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{1-v_1^2}{(N-1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) + \lambda_{N-1}(N - v_1^2)}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \lambda_N(N)} f(v_1) \log f(v_1) dv_1 \\ &\quad - \log \left( 2\sqrt{\pi} (\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \lambda_N(N)) \left( 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \right) \right) + \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \log N + \frac{N}{2} \log(2\pi e). \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $|\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| = \frac{2\pi^{\frac{N}{2}}}{\Gamma(\frac{N}{2})}$ , and an asymptotic approximation for the Gamma function.

Since

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \frac{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{1-v_1^2}{(N-1)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) + \lambda_{N-1}(N - v_1^2)}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \lambda_N(N)} f(v_1) \log f(v_1) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{\|\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}\|_{\infty} + \epsilon_{N-1}}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) - \epsilon_N} f(v_1) |\log f(v_1)| \\ &\leq \frac{2(\|\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}\|_{\infty} + 1)}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0)} f(v_1) |\log f(v_1)| \in L^1(\mathbb{R}), \end{aligned}$$

for  $N$  large enough. Combining this with the fact that  $\{\Pi_1(F_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $f$  pointwise, we can use the dominated convergence theorem to conclude that

$$(4.5) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(F_N)}{N} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(v_1) \log f(v_1) dv_1 + \frac{\log 2\pi + 1}{2} = H(f|\gamma),$$

and the proof is complete.  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.12.* It is easy to see that the condition  $f(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{D}{|x|^{1+2\alpha}}$  for some  $1 < \alpha < 2$  and  $D > 0$  implies that

$$v_f(x) \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{D}{2-\alpha} x^{2-\alpha}.$$

Thus, with the added information given in the theorem we know that  $f$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.11, and we conclude the desired result.  $\square$

*Remark 4.3.* Theorem 1.12 gives rise to many, previously unknown, entropically chaotic families, determined mainly by a simple growth condition. An explicit example to such family is the one generated by the function

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi(1+x^4)}.$$

## 5. LOWER SEMI CONTINUITY AND STABILITY PROPERTY.

As discussed in Section 1, the concept of entropic chaoticity is much stronger than that of normal chaoticity. This is due to the inclusion of all correlation information and an appropriate rescaling of the relative entropy. In this section we will show that the rescaled entropy is a good form of distance, one that is stable under certain conditions.

The first step we must make, inspired by [4], is a form of lower semi continuity property for the relative entropy on Kac's sphere, expressed in Theorem 1.13. To begin with, we mention that in [4], the authors have proved the following:

**Theorem 5.1.** *Let  $g$  be a probability density function on  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $g \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p > 1$ . Assume in addition that*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} x^2 g(x) dx = 1, \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^4 g(x) dx < \infty,$$

*and denote  $d\nu_N = G_N d\sigma^N$ , where  $G_N = \frac{g^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(g, \sqrt{N})}$ , restricted to Kac's sphere. Let  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a family of symmetric probability measures on Kac's sphere such that for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we have that*

$$\Pi_k(\mu_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu_k.$$

*Then*

$$(5.1) \quad \frac{H(\mu_k | g^{\otimes k})}{k} \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \nu_N)}{N}.$$

Note that due to an inequality, the so-called Csiszar-Kullback-Leibler-Pinsker inequality ([21]), one has that

$$(5.2) \quad \|\mu - \nu\|_{TV} \leq \sqrt{2H(\mu|\nu)},$$

showing that (5.1) gives a stronger result than an  $L^1$  convergence. We will use this theorem as a motivation for our lower semi continuity property, as well as in the particular case of

$$g(x) = \gamma(x), \quad d\nu_N = G_N d\sigma^N = d\sigma^N,$$

where  $\gamma(x)$  is the standard Gaussian.

Before we begin the proof of Theorem 1.13 we point out the obvious difference between the  $k = 1$  and  $k > 1$  cases. This is due to the fact that the proof relies heavily on our approximation theorem, Theorem 4.1, which is valid *only* in one dimension. The higher dimension case needs to be tackled differently, unlike the proof of Theorem 5.1, where the higher dimension case is proven in a very similar way.

The proof of Theorem 1.13 follows ideas presented in [4], with some modification to our current discussion.

*Proof of Theorem 1.13.* We start by noticing that since  $C_b(\mathbb{R}^{k_0})$  can be considered a subspace of  $C_b(\mathbb{R}^k)$  whenever  $k_0 \leq k$ . The weak convergence condition on  $\Pi_k(\mu_N)$  implies that

$$\Pi_{k_0}(\mu_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu_{k_0} = \Pi_{k_0}(\mu_k).$$

In particular we find that  $\Pi_1(\mu_N)$  converges weakly to  $\mu = \Pi_1(\mu_k)$ .

Next, we recall a duality formula for the relative entropy (see [17] for instance, for the compact case):

$$(5.3) \quad H(\mu|\nu) = \sup_{\varphi \in C_b} \left\{ \int \varphi d\mu - \log \left( \int e^{\varphi} d\nu \right) \right\}.$$

Given  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find  $\varphi_\epsilon \in C_b(\mathbb{R})$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\varphi_\epsilon(v)} f(v) dv = 1$$

and

$$(5.4) \quad H(\mu|f) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_\epsilon(v) d\mu(v) + \frac{\epsilon}{2}.$$

We can find a compact set  $K_\epsilon \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mu(K_\epsilon^c) \leq \frac{\epsilon}{4\|\varphi_\epsilon\|_\infty}, \quad \int_{K_\epsilon^c} f(v) dv \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2e\|\varphi_\epsilon\|_\infty}.$$

Let  $\eta_\epsilon \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$  be such that

$$0 \leq \eta_\epsilon \leq 1, \quad \eta_\epsilon|_{K_\epsilon} = 1,$$

and define  $\varphi(v) = \eta_\epsilon(v)\varphi_\epsilon(v)$ . Clearly  $\varphi \in C_c(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $|\varphi| \leq |\varphi_\epsilon|$  and

$$(5.5) \quad H(\mu|f) \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(v) d\mu(v) + 2\|\varphi_\epsilon\|_\infty \mu(K_\epsilon^c) + \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(v) d\mu(v) + \epsilon.$$

Also,

$$(5.6) \quad \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\varphi(v)} f(v) dv - \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\varphi_\epsilon(v)} f(v) dv \right| \leq 2e^{\|\varphi_\epsilon\|_\infty} \int_{K_\epsilon^c} f(v) dv < \epsilon.$$

For any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $\phi_N(v_1, \dots, v_N) = \sum_{i=1}^N \varphi(v_i) \in C_b(\mathbb{R}^N)$ . Plugging  $\phi_N$  as a candidate in (5.3), in the setting of Kac's sphere, and using symmetry we find

that

$$\begin{aligned} H_N(\mu_N|\nu_N) &\geq N \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(v_1) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1) - \log \left( \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \Pi_{i=1}^N (e^{\varphi(v_i)} f(v_i)) d\sigma^N \right) \\ &= N \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(v_1) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1) - \log \left( \frac{\mathcal{Z}_N\left(\frac{e^\varphi f}{a}, \sqrt{N}\right)}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} \right) - N \log a, \end{aligned}$$

where  $a = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{\varphi(v)} f(v) dv$ . Since  $f$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 4.1, so does the probability density function  $\frac{e^\varphi}{a} f$ . Denoting by  $E = \frac{1}{a} \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 e^{\varphi(v)} f(v) dv$  we find that

$$(5.7) \quad \frac{\mathcal{Z}_N\left(\frac{e^\varphi f}{a}, \sqrt{N}\right)}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} = \frac{\gamma_{\sigma_1, \alpha, 1}\left(\frac{N-NE}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right) + \epsilon_1(N)}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \epsilon_2(N)},$$

for some  $\sigma, \sigma_1$ , and  $\{\epsilon_i(N)\}_{i=1,2}$  that go to zero as  $N$  goes to infinity. Since  $\gamma_{\sigma_1, \alpha, 1}$  is defined as the inverse Fourier transform of an  $L^1$  function we know that

$$\lim_{|x| \rightarrow \infty} \gamma_{\sigma_1, \alpha, 1}(x) = 0.$$

Thus,

$$(5.8) \quad \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{\log \left( \gamma_{\sigma_1, \alpha, 1}\left(\frac{N-NE}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}}\right) + \epsilon_1(N) \right)}{N} \right) \geq 0.$$

Together with the fact that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left( -\frac{\log(\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \epsilon_2(N))}{N} \right) = 0,$$

the weak convergence of  $\Pi_1(\mu_N)$  and (5.5), we find that

$$(5.9) \quad \begin{aligned} \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N|\nu_N)}{N} &\geq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(v) d\mu(v) - \log(1 + \epsilon) \\ &\geq H(\mu|f) - \epsilon - \log(1 + \epsilon), \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (5.6) to conclude that  $|a - 1| < \epsilon$ . Since  $\epsilon$  was arbitrary, (i) is proved.

In order to show (ii), we notice that

$$\begin{aligned} H_N(\mu_N|\nu_N) &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \log \left( \frac{d\mu_N}{F_N d\sigma^N} \right) d\mu_N = H_N(\mu_N|\sigma^N) - \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \log(F_N) d\mu_N \\ &= H_N(\mu_N|\sigma^N) - N \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v_1)) d\Pi_1(\mu_N) + \log \left( \mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N}) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, for any  $\delta > 0$ ,

$$(5.10) \quad \begin{aligned} \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N|\nu_N)}{N} &+ \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v_1) + \delta) d\Pi_1(\mu_N) \\ &\geq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N|\sigma^N)}{N} - \frac{\log(2\pi) + 1}{2}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used the fact that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N}))}{N} = -\frac{\log(2\pi)+1}{2}$ , shown in the proof of Theorem 1.11. From Theorem 5.1 we know that

$$\liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \geq \frac{H(\mu_k | \gamma^{\otimes k})}{k},$$

and since

$$\begin{aligned} H(\mu_k | f^{\otimes k}) &= H(\mu_k | \gamma^{\otimes k}) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \log\left(\frac{\gamma^{\otimes k}}{f^{\otimes k}}\right) d\mu_k \\ &= H(\mu_k | \gamma^{\otimes k}) - \frac{k(\log(2\pi) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 d\mu(v))}{2} - k \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v)) d\mu(v) \end{aligned}$$

we get the desired result from (5.10).  $\square$

We will now prove our first stability result, Theorem 1.14. Again, the ideas presented here are motivated by [4].

*Proof of Theorem 1.14.* We start with the simple observation that if  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a family of symmetric probability measures on Kac's sphere then  $\{\Pi_k(\mu_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a tight family, for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Indeed, given  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  we can find  $m_N, r_N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$N = m_N k + r_N,$$

where  $0 \leq r_N < k$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_k(\mu_N) \left( \left\{ \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2} > R \right\} \right) &\leq \frac{1}{R^2} \int_{\sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 > R^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^k v_i^2 \right) d\Pi_k(\mu_N) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{m_N R^2} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{m_N k} v_i^2 \right) d\mu_N \leq \frac{N}{m_N R^2} < \frac{2k}{R^2}, \end{aligned}$$

proving the tightness.

Since  $\{\Pi_1 \mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is tight, we can find a subsequence,  $\{\Pi_1(\mu_{N_{k_j}})\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ , to any subsequence  $\{\Pi_1(\mu_{N_k})\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ , that converges to a limit. Denote by  $\kappa$  the weak limit of such one subsequence. Using (1.30) we conclude that

$$(5.11) \quad H(\kappa | f) \leq \liminf_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_{N_{k_j}}(\mu_{N_{k_j}} | \nu_{N_{k_j}})}{N_{k_j}} = 0,$$

due to condition (1.32). Thus,  $\kappa = f(v)dv$ , and since  $\kappa$  was an arbitrary weak limit, we conclude that all possible weak limit points must be  $f(v)dv$ . Since the weak topology on  $P(\mathbb{R})$  is metrisable we conclude that

$$\Pi_1(\mu_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} f(v)dv = \mu.$$

We will show that the convergence is actually in  $L^1$  with the weak topology. As an intermediate step in the proof of Theorem 1.13 we have shown that

$$(5.12) \quad \begin{aligned} H(\mu_N | \nu_N) &= H(\mu_N | \sigma^N) - N \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(\nu_1)) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(\nu_1) \\ &\quad + \log\left(\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})\right). \end{aligned}$$

Using condition (1.32), the fact that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}{N} = -\frac{\log(2\pi)+1}{2}$ , and the fact that  $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  we conclude that there exists  $C > 0$ , independent of  $N$ , such that for any  $\delta > 0$

$$(5.13) \quad \frac{H(\mu_N | \sigma_N)}{N} \leq C + \log(\|f\|_\infty + \delta).$$

The inequality

$$\frac{H(\Pi_k(\mu_N) | \Pi_k(\sigma^N))}{k} \leq 2 \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N}$$

proven in [1] and valid for any  $k \geq 1$  and  $N \geq k$ , implies that

$$(5.14) \quad H(\Pi_k(\mu_N) | \Pi_k(\sigma^N)) \leq 2k(C + \log(\|f\|_\infty) + \delta),$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $N \geq k$  and  $\delta > 0$ .

Similar to the proof of Theorem 1.13, one can easily see that

$$(5.15) \quad H(\Pi_k(\mu_N) | \gamma^{\otimes k}) = H(\Pi_k(\mu_N) | \Pi_k(\sigma^N)) + \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \log\left(\frac{\Pi_k(\sigma^N)}{\gamma^{\otimes k}}\right) d\Pi_k(\mu_N)$$

where  $\gamma$  is the standard Gaussian. Since  $d\sigma^N = \frac{\gamma^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(\gamma, \sqrt{N})} d\sigma^N$ , and  $\gamma$  is a probability density with finite fourth moment, one can employ similar theorems to those presented here and find that

$$\frac{\Pi_k(\sigma^N)(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k)}{\gamma^{\otimes k}(\nu_1, \dots, \nu_k)} = \sqrt{\frac{N}{N-k}} \cdot \frac{\gamma\left(\frac{k - \sum_{i=1}^k \nu_i^2}{\sqrt{2N}}\right) + \lambda_{N-k}(N - k - \sum_{i=1}^k \nu_i^2)}{1 + \lambda_N(N)} \chi_{\sum_{i=1}^k \nu_i^2 \leq N},$$

where  $\sup_u |\lambda_{N-k}(u)| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$  and  $\lambda_N(N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0$  (see [4] for more details). As such,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \log\left(\frac{\Pi_k(\sigma^N)}{\gamma^{\otimes k}}\right) d\Pi_k(\mu_N) \leq \log\left(\max_{N > k} \sqrt{\frac{N}{N-k}} \frac{\|\gamma\|_\infty + \sup_N \sup_u |\lambda_{N-k}(u)|}{1 + \inf_N \lambda_N(N)}\right),$$

which, together with (5.14) and (5.15) shows that

$$H(\Pi_k(\mu_N) | \gamma^{\otimes k}) \leq 2k(C + \log(\|f\|_\infty) + \delta) + D,$$

for some  $C, D > 0$  independent of  $N$ , and  $\delta > 0$ . Thus,  $\{\Pi_k \mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  has bounded relative entropy with respect to  $\gamma^{\otimes k}$  and we can apply the Dunford-Pettis compactness theorem and conclude that the densities of  $\{\Pi_k(\mu_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  form a relatively compact set in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^k)$  with the weak topology. Since this is true for all



$k$ , and we know that  $\{\Pi_1(\mu_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  converge weakly (in the measure sense) to  $\mu$ , with density function  $f(v)$ , we conclude that for any  $\phi \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  we have that

$$(5.16) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(v) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(v) f(v) dv.$$

In particular, since  $f \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and  $f \geq 0$  we have that for any  $\delta > 0$

$$(5.17) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v) + \delta) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v) + \delta) f(v) dv.$$

Combining (5.17), (1.32) with the fact that  $\Pi_1(\mu_N)$  converges to  $f(v)dv$ , we find that if  $\{\Pi_k(\mu_{N_j})\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges weakly to  $\kappa_k$ , then by (1.31)

$$(5.18) \quad \frac{H(\kappa_k | f^{\otimes k})}{k} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v) + \delta) f(v) dv - \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v)) f(v) dv$$

where we have used the fact that  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 d\mu(v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 f(v) dv = 1$ . Using the dominated convergence theorem to take  $\delta$  to zero shows that  $H(\kappa_k | f^{\otimes k}) = 0$ , and so

$$\kappa_k = f^{\otimes k}(v_1, \dots, v_k) dv_1 \dots dv_k.$$

Much like  $\{\Pi_1(\mu_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ , since  $\{\Pi_k(\mu_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  is tight we can always find weak limits for some subsequences of it. We have just proved that all possible weak limits of subsequences of  $\{\Pi_k(\mu_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  are  $f^{\otimes k}$ , from which we conclude that

$$\Pi_k(\mu_N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} f^{\otimes k},$$

showing the chaoticity. It is worth to note that we actually proved more than the above: we have proved convergence in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}^k)$  with the weak topology.

Going back to (5.12), and using (1.32), (5.17) and the known limit of  $\frac{\log(\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N}))}{N}$  we find that

$$(5.19) \quad \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \leq \int_{\mathbb{R}} \log(f(v) + \delta) f(v) dv + \frac{\log(2\pi) + 1}{2}.$$

Taking  $\delta$  to zero we conclude that

$$(5.19) \quad \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \leq H(f | \gamma).$$

Since the inequality

$$\liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \geq H(f | \gamma)$$

follows from Theorem 5.1, we see that

$$(5.18) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} = H(f | \gamma),$$

proving the entropic chaoticity and completing the proof.  $\square$

The last proof of this section will involve the second 'closeness' criteria, associated with the Fisher information functional, and given by Theorem 1.15. The proof is similar to those appearing in [13] and [6] with appropriate modifications. The proof will rely heavily on tools from the field of Optimal Transportation.

*Proof of Theorem 1.15.* The first step of the proof will be to show that conditions (1.33) and (1.34) imply that the marginal limit,  $f$ , satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.11.

We start by showing that  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for some  $p > 1$ . In [13] the authors have presented a lower semi continuity result for the relative Fisher Information, from which we conclude that

$$(5.19) \quad I(f|\gamma) \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{I_N(\mu_N|\sigma^N)}{N} \leq C.$$

Denoting by

$$I(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|f'(x)|}{f(x)} dx = 4 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{f(x)} \right|^2 dx$$

we see that

$$I(f) = I(f|\gamma) + 2 - \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 f(v) dv < C + 2 - \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 f(v) dv < \infty,$$

as  $f$  is a weak limit of  $\Pi_1(\mu_N)$ , implying that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} v^2 f(v) dv \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v) = 1.$$

We conclude that  $\sqrt{f} \in H^1(\mathbb{R})$  and using a Sobolev embedding theorem we find that  $\sqrt{f} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ . Thus, since  $f$  is also in  $L^1(\mathbb{R})$ , we have that  $f \in L^p(\mathbb{R})$  for all  $p \geq 1$ .

The next step will be to show that condition (1.33) implies a uniform bound for the  $1 + \alpha$  moment of  $\Pi_1(\mu_N)$ , i.e.

$$(5.20) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v) \leq C,$$

for some  $C > 0$ , independent of  $N$ . This will show that

$$(5.21) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 f(v) dv = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} v^2 d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v) = 1,$$

as well as

$$(5.22) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v|^{1+\alpha} f(v) dv \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v) \leq C.$$

To prove (5.20) we notice that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi(\mu_N)(v_1) &= \frac{3-\alpha}{2^{3-\alpha}-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \int_{\frac{|v_1|}{2}}^{|v_1|} x^{\alpha-4} v_1^4 d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1) dx \\
 (5.23) \quad &= \frac{3-\alpha}{2^{3-\alpha}-1} \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-4} \left( \int_{-2x}^{-x} v_1^4 d\Pi(\mu_N)(v_1) + \int_x^{2x} v_1^4 d\Pi(\mu_N)(v_1) \right) dv_1 dx \\
 &= \frac{3-\alpha}{2^{3-\alpha}-1} \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-4} \left( \int_{-2x}^{2x} v_1^4 d\Pi(\mu_N)(v_1) - \int_{-x}^x v_1^4 d\Pi(\mu_N)(v_1) \right) dv_1 dx
 \end{aligned}$$

Using condition (1.33) we know that for any  $\epsilon > 0$  we can find  $R > 0$ , such that for any  $|x| > R$  and any  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

$$(5.24) \quad (1-\epsilon)C_S x^{2-\alpha} \leq \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} v_1^4 d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1) \leq (1+\epsilon)C_S x^{2-\alpha}$$

In addition, for any probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  we have that

$$(5.25) \quad \int_{-x}^x v^4 d\mu(v) \leq 2x^4.$$

Combining (5.23), (5.24) and (5.25) we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi(\mu_N)(v_1) &\leq \frac{3-\alpha}{2^{3-\alpha}-1} \left( 32R^{\frac{\alpha+1}{2}} \right. \\
 (5.26) \quad &\quad \left. + C_S \left( (1+\epsilon)2^{4-2\alpha} - (1-\epsilon) \right) \int_{\sqrt{R}}^\infty \frac{dx}{x^\alpha} \right) = C
 \end{aligned}$$

for a choice of  $0 < \epsilon < 1$ .

Lastly, we want to show that  $v_f$ , defined in Theorem 1.11, satisfies the appropriate growth condition.

Since  $\Pi_1(\mu_N)$  converges to  $f$  weakly, we have that for any lower semi continuous function,  $\phi$ , that is bounded from below,

$$(5.27) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(v) f(v) dv \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(v_1) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1).$$

Similarly, if  $\phi$  is upper semi continuous and bounded from above then

$$(5.28) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(v) f(v) dv \geq \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(v_1) d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1).$$

Choosing  $\phi(v) = v^4 \chi_{(-\sqrt{x}, \sqrt{x})}(v)$  and  $\phi(v) = v^4 \chi_{[-\sqrt{x}, \sqrt{x}]}(v)$  respectively, and using condition (1.33) proves that

$$v_f(x) = \int_{-\sqrt{x}}^{\sqrt{x}} v^4 f(v) dv \underset{x \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} C_S x^{2-\alpha},$$

and we can conclude that  $f$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.11. This implies that the function  $F_N = \frac{f^{\otimes N}}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})}$  is well defined, and as usual we denote  $v_N = F_N d\sigma^N$ .

Next, we will show that  $\frac{I_N(v_N | \sigma^N)}{N}$  is uniformly bounded in  $N$ . Denoting by  $\nabla$  the

normal gradient on  $\mathbb{R}^N$  and by  $\nabla_S$  its tangential component to Kac's sphere we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \frac{|\nabla_S F_N|^2}{F_N} d\sigma^N &\leq \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \frac{|\nabla f^{\otimes N}|^2}{f^{\otimes N}} d\sigma^N \\
 (5.29) \quad &= \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} \frac{|f'(v_i)|^2}{f(v_i)} \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^N f(v_j) d\sigma^N \\
 &= N \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{|\mathbb{S}^{N-2}| (N - v_1^2)^{\frac{N-3}{2}}}{|\mathbb{S}^{N-1}| N^{\frac{N-2}{2}}} \frac{\mathcal{Z}_{N-1}(f, \sqrt{N - v_1^2})}{\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{N})} \cdot \frac{|f'(v_1)|^2}{f(v_1)} dv_1,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used Lemma 2.3, and the definition of the normalisation function. Using the asymptotic behaviour of  $\mathcal{Z}_N(f, \sqrt{r})$  from Theorem 4.1 we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.30) \quad \frac{I_N(v_N|\sigma^N)}{N} &\leq \left( \frac{N}{N-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{1-v_1^2}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) + \lambda_{N-1}(N - v_1^2)}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \lambda_N(N)} \frac{|f'(v_1)|^2}{f(v_1)} dv_1 \\
 &\leq CI(f) \leq C_1,
 \end{aligned}$$

for  $C_1 > 0$ , independently of  $N$ .

At this point we'd like to invoke the HWI inequality, a strategy that was first proved to be successful in this context in [13] and [20]. In our settings we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 (5.31) \quad H(\mu_N|\sigma^N) - H(v_N|\sigma^N) &\leq \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{I_N(\mu_N|\sigma_N)} W_2(\mu_N, v_N) \\
 H(v_N|\sigma^N) - H(\mu_N|\sigma^N) &\leq \frac{\pi}{2} \sqrt{I_N(v_N|\sigma_N)} W_2(\mu_N, v_N),
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $W_2$  stands for the quadratic Wasserstein distance with distance function induced from the quadratic distance function on  $\mathbb{R}^N$ :

$$W_2^2(\mu_N, v_N) = \inf_{\pi \in \Pi(\mu_N, v_N)} \int_{\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}) \times \mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})} |x - y|^2 d\pi(x, y),$$

where  $\Pi(\mu_N, v_N)$ , the space of pairing, is the space of all probability measures on  $\mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N}) \times \mathbb{S}^{N-1}(\sqrt{N})$  with marginal  $\mu_N$  and  $v_N$  respectively.

The reason we are allowed to use the HWI inequality follows from the fact that Kac's sphere has a positive Ricci curvature. Moreover, in the original statement of the HWI inequality, the quadratic Wasserstein distance is taken with the quadratic *geodesic* distance, yet, fortunately for us, it is equivalent to the normal distance on  $\mathbb{R}^N$ , hence the factor  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  that appears in (5.31). For more information about the Wasserstein distance and the HWI inequality, we refer the interested reader to [25].

Combining (5.31) with the boundness of the rescaled relative Fisher information of  $\mu_N$  and  $v_N$  with respect to  $\sigma^N$ , we conclude that

$$(5.32) \quad \left| \frac{H(\mu_N|\sigma^N)}{N} - \frac{H(v_N|\sigma^N)}{N} \right| \leq C \frac{W_2(\mu_N, v_N)}{\sqrt{N}}$$

for some  $C > 0$ .

The next step of the proof is to show that the first marginals of  $\mu_N$  and  $\nu_N$  have some joint bounded moment of order  $l > 2$ , uniformly in  $N$ . This will help us give a quantitative estimation to the quadratic Wasserstein distance. Indeed, using several results from [13], one can show the following estimation:

$$(5.33) \quad \frac{W_2(\kappa_N, f^{\otimes N})}{\sqrt{N}} \leq C_1 B_l^{\frac{1}{l}} \left( W_1(\Pi_2(\kappa_N), f^{\otimes 2}) + \frac{1}{N^{p_1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{l}}$$

where  $C_1$  and  $p_1$  are positive constants that depends only on  $l > 2$ ,  $\kappa_N$  is a probability measure on Kac's sphere,  $f$  is a probability measure on  $\mathbb{R}$  and

$$B_l = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^l d\Pi_1(\kappa_N)(v_1) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^l f(v_1) dv_1 < \infty.$$

We have already shown that  $\{\Pi_1(\mu_N)\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  has a uniformly bounded moment of order  $1 + \alpha$ . Using (4.4) from the proof of Theorem 1.11, we find that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi_1(\nu_N)(v_1) = \left( \frac{N}{N-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha}} \int_{|v_1| \leq \sqrt{N}} \frac{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1} \left( \frac{1-\nu_1^2}{N^{\frac{1}{\alpha}}} \right) + \lambda_{N-1}(N - \nu_1^2)}{\gamma_{\sigma, \alpha, 1}(0) + \lambda_N(N)} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} f(v_1) dv_1$$

for some  $\sigma > 0$ ,  $1 < \alpha < 2$  and  $\lambda_{N-k}, \lambda_N$  with

$$\sup_u |\lambda_{N-1}(u)| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0, \quad \lambda_N(N) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

Thus, along with (5.22), we conclude that

$$(5.34) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi_1(\nu_N)(v_1) \leq C,$$

for some  $C > 0$ .

Defining

$$(5.35) \quad \begin{aligned} M &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi_1(\mu_N)(v_1) + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} d\Pi_1(\nu_N)(v_1) \\ &\quad + \int_{\mathbb{R}} |v_1|^{1+\alpha} f(v_1) dv_1 < \infty \end{aligned}$$

and combining (5.32), (5.33)), and the triangle inequality for the Wasserstein distance, leads us to conclude that

$$(5.36) \quad \left| \frac{H(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} - \frac{H(\nu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \right| \leq C M^{\frac{1}{1+\alpha}} \left[ \left( W_1(\Pi_2(\mu_N), f^{\otimes 2}) + \frac{1}{N^{p_1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{1+\alpha}} + \left( W_1(\Pi_2(\nu_N), f^{\otimes 2}) + \frac{1}{N^{p_1}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{1+\alpha}} \right].$$

As  $\Pi_2(\nu_N), \Pi_2(\nu_N)$  and  $f^{\otimes 2}$  all have unit second moment (for any  $N$ ), the Wasserstein distance is equivalent to weak topology with respect to them. Since  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $\{\nu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  are  $f$ -chaotic, we conclude that

$$W_1(\Pi_2(\mu_N), f^{\otimes 2}) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0, \quad W_1(\Pi_2(\nu_N), f^{\otimes 2}) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0,$$

implying that

$$(5.37) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{H(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} - \frac{H(\nu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \right| = 0.$$

We are almost ready to conclude the proof. Before we do, we use the lower semi continuity of the entropy, discussed in Theorem 5.1, to see that

$$H(f | \gamma) \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H_N(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \leq C < \infty.$$

Thus,

$$(5.38) \quad \begin{aligned} \left| \frac{H(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} - H(f | \gamma) \right| &\leq \left| \frac{H(\mu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} - \frac{H(\nu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} \right| \\ &+ \left| \frac{H(\nu_N | \sigma^N)}{N} - H(f | \gamma) \right| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used (5.37) and Theorem 1.11, completing proof.  $\square$

*Remark 5.2.* We'd like to point out that following the above proof, one can see that condition (1.33), giving us a uniform asymptotic behaviour for the fourth moments of the first marginals of  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ , can be replaced with the conditions that  $f$  satisfies the conditions of Theorem 1.11, and the first marginals of  $\{\mu_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  have a uniformly bounded  $k$ -th moment, for some  $k > 2$ . This gives us a different approach to the stability problem, expressed with the Fisher information functional, one that assumes less information on the first marginals, but more conditions on the marginal limit.

## 6. FINAL REMARKS.

While Kac's model, chaoticity and entropic chaoticity, and the many body Cercignani's conjecture are far from being completely understood and resolved, we hope that our paper has shed some light on the interplay between the moments of a generating function and its associated tensorised measure, restricted to Kac's sphere. As an epilogue, we present here a few remarks about our work, along with associated questions we'll be interested in investigating next.

- One fundamental problem we're very interested in is finding conditions under which the many body Cercignani's conjecture is valid. While our work showed that the requirement of a bounded fourth moment is not a major issue for chaoticity and even entropic chaoticity, we still believe that the fourth moment plays an important role in the conjecture. At the very least, due to its probabilistic interpretation as a measurement of deviation from the sphere, we believe that the fourth moment will be needed for an initial positive answer to the conjecture.
- The following was communicated to us by Clément Mouhot: Using a Talagrand inequality, one can show that if the family of functions  $\{G_N\}_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$ , restricted to the sphere, satisfies a Log-Sobolev inequality that is uniform

in  $N$ , one has that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H(F_N|G_N)}{N} = 0$$

implies that  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (\Pi_k(F_N) - \Pi_k(G_N)) = 0$ . Our stability result, Theorem 1.14, gives many examples where the function  $G_N$  doesn't satisfy any Log-Sobolev inequality (due to how the underlying function behaves), but we still get equality of marginal. Moreover, we actually get that  $F_N$  is entropically chaotic! The connection between the limit of the 'distance'

$$d(F_N, G_N) = \frac{H(F_N|G_N)}{N}$$

and the convergence of marginals is still not understood fully.

- We'll be interested to know if one can find an easy criteria for which we can evaluate quantitatively the convergence of  $h^{*N}$  (appearing in Theorem 4.1) without relying on the reminder function. This will allow for possibilities to extend the work done by the second author in [8, 9] and allow the underlying generating function,  $f$ , to rely on  $N$  as well. While we present such quantitative estimation in the Appendix, we found them to be unusable while trying to deal with concrete examples.

#### APPENDIX A. ADDITIONAL PROOFS.

In this section of the appendix we will present several proofs of technical items we thought would only hinder the flow of the paper.

*Proof of Lemma 2.13.* Assume that the conclusion is false. We can find a sequence  $x_n \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ ,  $x_n \neq 0$ , and an  $\epsilon_0 > 0$  such that

$$|g(x_n)| \geq \epsilon_0.$$

Due to continuity, we can find  $d_1 > 0$  such that for any  $x \in [x_1, x_1 + d_1]$  we have

$$|g(x)| \geq \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}.$$

Denote  $n_1 = 1$ ,  $x_{k_1} = x_1$  and  $\xi_1 = n_1 \cdot x_1 = x_1$ .

Since  $x_n$  converges to zero and is non zero, we can find  $x_{k_2}$  such that  $0 < x_{k_2} < \frac{\xi_1}{2}$ .

Let  $n_2 = \left\lfloor \frac{\xi_1}{x_{k_2}} \right\rfloor + 1 \geq 2$ , where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the lower integer part function. We may assume that  $x_{k_2} < d_1$  and conclude that

$$\xi_1 \leq n_2 x_{k_2} < \xi_1 + x_{k_2} \leq \xi_1 + n_1 d_1.$$

Next, we can find  $d_2$  such that  $n_2(x_{k_2} + d_2) \leq \xi_1 + n_1 d_1$ . We may also assume that  $d_2$  is small enough so that  $x \in [x_{k_2}, x_{k_2} + d_2]$  implies

$$|g(x)| \geq \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}.$$

Denoting by  $\xi_2 = n_2 x_{k_2}$ , we notice that  $[\xi_2, \xi_2 + n_2 d_2] \subset [\xi_1, \xi_1 + n_1 d_1]$  and the closed intervals are non empty.

We continue by induction. Assume we found  $n_i, k_i \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n_i \geq i$ , and  $d_i > 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, j$  such that  $\xi_i = n_i x_{k_i}$  satisfies

$$[\xi_i, \xi_i + n_i d_i] \subset [\xi_{i-1}, \xi_{i-1} + n_{i-1} d_{i-1}]$$

and for any  $x \in [\xi_i, \xi_i + n_i d_i]$  we have that

$$\left| g\left(\frac{x}{n_i}\right) \right| \geq \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}.$$

We find  $x_{k_{j+1}}$  such that  $x_{k_{j+1}} < \frac{\xi_j}{j+1}$  and define  $n_j = \left\lfloor \frac{\xi_j}{x_{k_{j+1}}} \right\rfloor + 1 \geq j + 1$ . As such, we have that

$$\xi_j \leq n_{j+1} x_{k_{j+1}} < \xi_j + x_{k_{j+1}} < \xi_j + n_j d_j,$$

where the last inequality is valid since we can pick  $x_{k_{j+1}} < n_j d_j$ . We can find  $d_{j+1}$  such that  $n_{j+1}(x_{k_{j+1}} + d_{j+1}) < \xi_j + n_j d_j$  and for any  $x \in [x_{k_{j+1}}, x_{k_{j+1}} + d_{j+1}]$

$$|g(x)| \geq \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}.$$

Denoting  $\xi_{j+1} = n_{j+1} x_{k_{j+1}}$  gives us the interval with the desired properties. Since we have a nested sequence of non-empty closed intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$  we know that the intersection of all of them must be non-empty. Thus, there exists  $x \in [\xi_i, \xi_i + n_i d_i]$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ . Moreover, by construction

$$\left| g\left(\frac{x}{n_i}\right) \right| \geq \frac{\epsilon_0}{2}$$

which contradicts the assumption that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = 0$  for any  $x \neq 0$ .  $\square$

The next result we will prove, is Lemma 3.3:

*Proof of Lemma 3.3.* Since  $\widehat{g}$  is in the NDA of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$  we conclude that  $\widehat{g}$  is actually in the FDA of  $\widehat{\gamma}_{\sigma, \alpha, \beta}$ , due to Theorem 2.12. Thus, there exists  $\eta_1$ , with  $\frac{\eta_1(\xi)}{|\xi|^\alpha} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and

$$\frac{\eta_1(\xi)}{|\xi|^\alpha} \xrightarrow{\xi \rightarrow 0} 0,$$

such that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{g}(\xi) &= 1 - \sigma |\xi|^\alpha \left( 1 + i\beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) \right) + \eta_1(\xi) \\ &= e^{-\sigma |\xi|^\alpha (1 + i\beta \operatorname{sgn}(\xi) \tan(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}))} + \eta_2(\xi) + \eta_1(\xi), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\eta_2(\xi)$  has the same properties as  $\eta_1(\xi)$ . We conclude that

$$|\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq e^{-\sigma |\xi|^\alpha} + |\eta_1(\xi) + \eta_2(\xi)| \leq 1 - \sigma |\xi|^\alpha + |\eta_1(\xi)| + |\eta_2(\xi)| + |\eta_3(\xi)|,$$

where  $\eta_3(\xi)$  has the same properties as  $\eta_1(\xi)$ .

Let  $\beta_0 > 0$  be such that if  $|\xi| < \beta_0$

$$|\eta_1(\xi)| + |\eta_2(\xi)| + |\eta_3(\xi)| \leq \frac{\sigma |\xi|^\alpha}{2}.$$

For any  $|\xi| < \beta_0$  one has that

$$|\widehat{g}(\xi)| \leq 1 - \frac{\sigma |\xi|^\alpha}{2} \leq e^{-\frac{\sigma |\xi|^\alpha}{2}},$$



completing the proof.  $\square$

## APPENDIX B. QUANTITATIVE APPROXIMATION THEOREM.

An item of great importance in Kinetic Theory, and our problem in particular, is *quantitative* estimation of errors. Our local Lévy Central Limit Theorem involves such an estimation, yet it is dependent on the function

$$\omega(\beta) = \sup_{|\xi|} \frac{|\eta(\xi)|}{|\xi|^\alpha},$$

where  $\eta$  is the reminder function of a probability density function  $g$  in the NDA of some  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ . In some cases one can find explicit estimation for the behaviour of  $\eta$  near zero, and get a better quantitative estimation on the error term  $\epsilon(N)$ . Such conditions are explored in [12] and we will satisfy ourselves by mentioning them, but providing no proof.

**Definition B.1.** Let  $\delta > 0$ . The Fourier Domain of Attraction *of order*  $\delta$  of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  is the subset of the FDA of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  such that the reminder function,  $\eta$ , satisfies

$$\frac{|\eta(\xi)|}{|\xi|^\alpha} \leq C |\xi|^\delta,$$

for some  $C > 0$ .

Clearly the FDAs of order  $\delta$  are nested sets, all contained in the FDA. Also, if  $g$  is in the FDA of order  $\delta$  of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$  then we can replace  $\omega(\beta)$ , defined in Theorem 3.4 by  $C\beta^\delta$  and get an explicit estimation to the error term  $\epsilon(N)$ !

The following is a variant of a theorem appearing in [12] that gives sufficient conditions to be in the FDA of order  $\delta$  of some  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ :

**Theorem B.2.** Let  $g$  be a probability density on  $\mathbb{R}$  that has zero mean. Let  $1 < \alpha < 2$  and  $0 < \delta < 2 - \alpha$  be given. Then if

$$(B.1) \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x|^{\alpha+\delta} |g(x) - \gamma_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}(x)| dx < \infty$$

for some  $\sigma > 0$  and  $\beta \in [-1, 1]$ ,  $g$  is in the FDA of order  $\delta$  of  $\hat{\gamma}_{\sigma,\alpha,\beta}$ .

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